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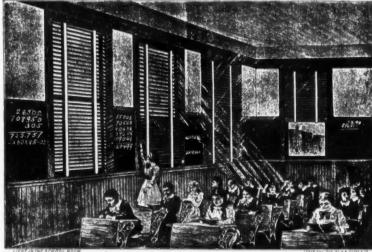
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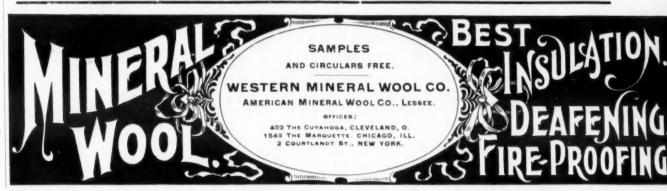
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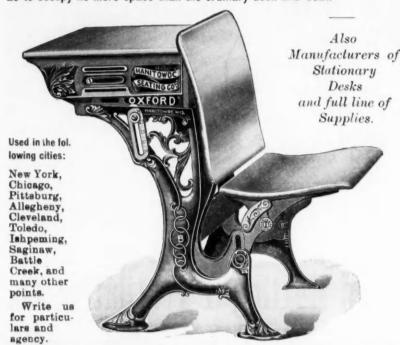
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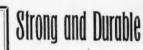
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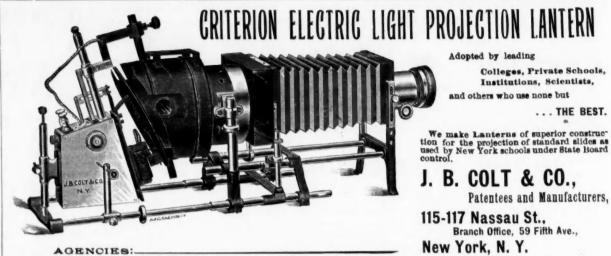
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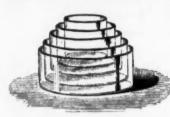
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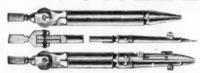
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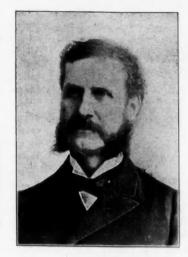
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SCHOOL LAW.

Lima, O. A new law requires that civil government be taught in all the schools of the state.

A compulsory law is now in force in Ohio requiring every school district to erect a flagstaff over their school house whereupon a flag must be hoisted during school hours and on certain days.

Albany, N. Y. The law requires that no person shall be eligible to receive a teacher's certificate in this state who is not at least 18 years of age. That no trustee or trustees shall contract with any teacher whose certificate of qualification shall not cover a period at least as long as that covered by the contract of service.

Orange Park, Fla. The school has been closed here owing to the arrest of the teachers and patrons who have violated an enactment which makes it a penal offence to conduct in Florida a school in which whites and blacks are instructed together.

Des Moines, Ia. A new law requires examinations to be passed in civics and economics to make teachers eligible to the pay roll.

Oswego. State Superintendent Charles R. Skinner has rendered an opinion holding that no trustee or trustees should allow the use of a school house which does or may give occasion to a controversy among the inhabitants of the district.

A decision of the Supreme Court of Illinois, just handed down, says that elections for establishing Township High Schools cannot legally be voted upon under the Australian ballot law.

The appellate court of the fourth district of Illinois, sitting at Mt. Vernon, has rendered the following opinion regarding vaccination: "We decline to hold that vaccination is one of the qualifications necessary to admission to the public schools as a scholar, and that he should be excluded from school privileges for failing to obey a rule requiring it in the absence of an immediate necessity occasioned by a well-founded belief and apprehension entertained by the board that small pox was prevalent in the community in which the school board was located, or was approaching that vicinity."

The Wisconsin supreme court has decided that a school board cannot bar children from the public schools because they have not been vaccinated.

Harrisburg, Pa. Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction Stewart has decided that a majority of all the directors must sanction, by a vote, a resolution to elect a superintendent at a preliminary meeting to be called for that purpose, and on the day of the convention the affirmative votes of a majority of all the directors constituting the board are required to determine the salary to be paid to the superintendent.

The St. Louis, Mo., Court of Appeals has rendered a decision "that a board of directors has the power to deny admission to the public schools of children who have not been successfully vaccinated."

Recent Decisions.

It is necessary that it shall clearly appear, on the face of proceedings for the issue of bonds of a school district, under Act May 25, 1894, amending the act to establish a system of public instruction, that the bonds are to be issued only for the purposes for which the statute authorizes their issuance.—Applegate v. Board of Education of Cranbury Tp., N. J., Err. & App.

Law declaring that no school district shall become indebted to an amount exceeding 1½ per centum of its taxable property, "without the assent of three-fifths of the voters therein voting at an election to be held for that purpose," does not require the express assent of the legislature to the holding of such election, but is self-executing, so far as to allow the question of extending the debt limit to be voted on at an election called by the officers of the school district, in accordance with existing general enactments regulating the holding of annual and special school-district elections.—Holmes & Bull Furniture Co. v. Hedges, Wash.

It being proved by statute....that on the formation of a new school district, any surplus funds on hand shall be divided between the old and new districts on a basis to be fixed by the county judge, the fact that an apportionment was made by the clerk to a new district before its organization was complete will not invalidate its claim to the money after its legal formation.—Evins v. Batcheler, Ark.

Laws 1885 provide that the trustees of each school district therein specified shall, at least three weeks before the annual meeting or a special meeting called for that purpose, prepare and post an estimate of the amount necessary for the support of the schools therein, including the sum required for building, for the purchase of furniture, apparatus, and books, and for contingent expenses, and shall present such estimate at the meeting, when the inhabitants shall vote on each item separately, and such or so much thereof as shall be approved by a majority of the inhabitants shall be levied and raised by tax. Held, that the inhabitants have no power to provide for the payment of a salary for the district clerk from funds so raised, unless such item was included in the estimate so prepared and posted.—Gibson v. Roach, Sup. N. Y.

Under a law making a town or city liable in damages far the unlawful exclusion of a child from one of its schools, an action will lie where the fault for which the child was suspended was a disputed fact, and the school committee refused the application of the father for a hearing, and excluded the child until he acknowledged his fault.—Bishop v. Inhabitants of Rowley, Mass.

Where the fault for which a child was suspended was a disputed fact and the school committee refusing the father's application for a hearing, excluded the child until he acknowledged his fault, a finding, in an action under Pub. St. c. 47, §12, for the unlawful exclusion, that the child was in fault, will not defeat the action.—Bishop v. Inhabitants of Rowley, Mass.

The father of a non-resident pupil need not be notified of the recorded resolution of the school board fixing the rate of tuition for his child, to render him liable therefor.—Fractional School Dist. No. 1, Paw Paw and Antwerp Tps. v. Yerrington, Mich.

NFW RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Brooklyn, N. Y. Board adopted the following rule: The schools shall be closed on Saturday and Sunday of each week, from the 25th of December to January 1, inclusive, on all legal holidays, Good Friday, the Friday following Thanksgiving Day, and on the day of the Sunday School Anniversary, from the 30th of June to the second Monday in September, on all days appointed by public authority for religious observances, and on such other days as the board may direct, except for local causes applicable to the immediate district or school.

Manchester, N. H. Board adopted the following rule: Teachers hereafter elected, who have not before been employed, must hold a State certificate, but probationary board certificates may be granted upon examination to new teachers, good only until the next State examination, at which time a State certificate must be secured.

Petersburg, Ind. The county board adopted a resolution to the effect that teachers who do not attend the township institute must forfeit 5 per cent. on success. That an applicant for a teacher's license, after three failures, be required to wait three months before passing another examination.

Dayton. The board prohibits in its rules



HARVEY H. HUBBERT, Chairm. Exec. Com. Pa. State School Directors' Ass'n. Philadelphia. Pa.

the use of tobacco and cigars about the school buildings. Mr. Bates thought the board ought to practice what it preaches and introduced a resolution for the prohibition of smoking in the board room during the sessions of the board. It narrowly escaped adoption.

A rule of the public schools of Copehagen requires that each pupil shall take three baths a week in the school building. While the pupils are bathing, their clothes are sterilized in a steam oven. When this practice was first introduced there was no complaint, but in a short time the parents of the children "protested vigorously on the ground that it made the children discontented with their dirty clothes, and caused them to complain constantly of the filth of their dwellings."

Chester, Pa. Board fixed the rate to be charged per month to scholars coming from contiguous districts into the highest four grades a \$4.50.

Utica, N. Y. The board's regulation regarding vaccination is as follows: No child, or other person, shall be admitted, or allowed, to continue in any of the public schools who does not present, upon entering, a certificate from a regularly practicing physician showing that such child or other person has been vaccinated, or that there are justifiable constitutional reasons for the exemption from vaccination.

Chattanooga, Tenn. Under the present rules, school opens at 9:00 o'clock and runs until 12:30. Then comes a recess of forty-five minutes. School reconvenes at 1:15 and continues until 2:45, giving five hours and thirty minutes to actual school work. Under the proposed new rules school will convene at 9:00 o'clock, and close at 4:00 o'clock, but instead of giving three-quarters of an hour recess, it is proposed to give an hour and a half in the middle of the school day. The new rule meets with opposition.

Keene, N. H. Board granted a petition of parents, requesting that one session, lasting from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 be held each day, instead of two sessions.



A STRUGGLING YOUNG ARTIST .- Life.

Saginaw, Mich. The high school committee recommended to the board against two sessions.

Concord, N. H. The board of education voted to allow teachers in the High School one day in each year to visit out-of-town schools.

Winona, Minn. A rule of the Board requires that when considering the qualifications of teachers the Board go into executive session.

Rochester, N. Y. Board passed a rule requiring that the school carpenter shall report each week to the Chairman of the Repair Committee the number of day's work accomplished, the number of assistants employed, the salary earned by each and a description of work done.

Buffalo, N. Y. Among the rules governing the schools is the following: Every pupil who, on reasonable notice by the teacher, shall neglect to furnish himself or herself with the proper stationery, or other articles not supplied by the City, and necessary or required to be used in the class to which he or she belongs, shall be liable to suspension by the principal from the privileges of such school, subject to

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appeal in case of inability to the Superintendent of Education.

Grand Rapids, Mich. The school board has decided that each school teacher, before signing

her contract, must swear that she will entertain no matrimonial propositions during the year.

Fremont, O. Hereafter the promotion of pupils in the high school will be based upon the daily work, written tests and deportment. All tests will be announced and given upon concurrence of principal and instructors.



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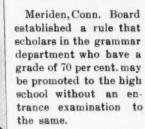
McGregor, Ia. The school board adopted a resolution providing that pupils for the first primary department may be received only at the beginning or middle of the school year.

Detroit, Mich. The Committee on Supplies has adopted a resolution to the effect that reporters should henceforth be excluded from meetings of the committee.

Council Grove, Kas. The board adopted a rule to assess a fine of 10 cents on pupils who keep books drawn from the school library over two weeks.

Lima, O. Board of Education has forbidden the teachers to take any

part in politics, except to vote.



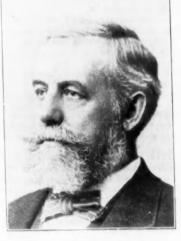
Rockport, Ind. The County Board adopted a resolution to the effect that all persons em-

ployed as principal of the township and town high schools of this county, shall be required to hold license issued by competent authority to teach the high school branches.





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THE BUILDERS OF THE NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARD CONVENTION IDEA.

Hon. George R. Fowler, President Department of School Administration, N. E. A. Boston, Mass

Miss Louisa Reed Stowell, will speak on "Free Text-Book System." Washington, D. C.

Hon. R. L. Yeager, will speak on "School Boards, What and Why." Kansas City, Mo.

Dr. John E. Clark, will speak on "Shall Teachers be Pensioned?" Detroit, Mich.

J. B. Moreton, Secretary Department of School Administra-tion, N. E. A. Salt Lake City, Utah.

Hon. D. R. Cameron, Vice-President Department of School Administration. Chicago, Ill. Wm. S. Mack, Aurora, Ill., will speak on "The Relation of the Board to its Superintendent."

Hon. W. E. Odell. President Iowa School Directors' Association. Des Moines, Ia.

Hon. Wm. Backus, will speak on "School House Hygiene." Cleveland, O.

Hon. H. H. Quimby, Mont Claire, Pa., President Directors' Association of Pennsylvania.

Hon. Wm. Meyst, President Wisconsin School Board Association. Milwaukee, Wis.

Hon. J. J. Collins, President State School Trustees' Association, Dallas, Texas.

Hon. W. A. Hunt, President Associated School Boards of Minnesota. Northville, Minn.

TEXT BOOK ADOPTIONS.

Davenport, Ia. Normal system of vertical writing. Indiana. The state board of education at its last m adopted the following text-books for use in the schools of the state for a period of five years: Practical lessons in the use of English, book I, and a practical English grammar, both published by D. C. Heath & Co.; the leading facts in American history, published by Gina & Co.; primary lessons in human physiology, and advanced human physiology, published by the Indiana School Book Co.; spelling book, published by the Indiana School Book Co.; the histories and physiologies now in use will be continued, as these books have been revised, which revised edition will be purchased as new books are needed.

Santa Rosa, Cal. The County Board of Education has adopted the following text-books: National Music Book and Song Wave, American Book Company: Hill's Lessons in Geometry; Normal Review Course in Penmanship; Pacific History Stories, by Wagner, and Warners' Primer Series as ental to the reading course in algebra; Elementary

Drawing Simplified and Drawing Simplified, by Augsburg.
The County Board of Fayette County, Ia., adopted the following books for a period of five years: Swinton's readers, Pollard's synthetic speller and first reader for primary pupils, Milne's elementary arithmetic, Fish's No. 2 Arithmetic. Sheldon's "modern" speller. Swinton's geographies. Eggleston's first book in U.S. history, Barnes' brief U.S. history, Hyde's language lessons, Conklin's grammar, Hutchinson's physiology book I, for teachers, Hutchinson's physiology book II, Steele's hygienic physiology, Chandler's "Iowa and the Nation," Dale's economics, Webster's academic and primary dictionaries, Merrill's vertical and slant copy books, Paul Bert's primer of scientific knowledge (for text in nature study), White's common school daily register, Stoddard's new mental arithmetic.

Mt. Vernon, Ia. Werner primer, New Normal readers, aub's lessons in English, Raub's practical English grammar, Raub's arithmetic (elementary), Raub's arithmetic (complete), Werner's mental arithmetic, Ellis' history of the United States, Buckwalter's spellers, Dunglison's elementary physiology, Dunglison's school physiology, Practical copy

book, Sharpless plaue and spherical geometry.

Wilson Co., N. C. Stickney's series of readers were substituted for Holmes', Lee's brief history of the United States as a supplement; Lee's school history takes the place of Stephens' as a reference book, Manly's southern literature,

and Curry's southern states of the American union were added Halifax, N. C. The county commissioners adopted the state list of text-books heretofore used, adding Frye's primary and complete geographies, by Ginn & Co., Lee's his tory, by B. F. Johnson & Co., and southern literature and Dr. Curry's book on the southern states.

Caldwell Co., N. C. The board of commissioners adopted the University Publishing Co.'s books.

Henry, Ill. Frye's geographies. Denver, District 1. D'Oge's Viri Ron Henry, Ill.

Randolph, N. C. Lee's high school history was put on the list with Stephens' history as a reference book, and Manly's southern literature was recommended to be used where needed.

TEXT BOOK NEWS.

The five year text-book contract expires next month. The new adoptions will be made in all counties at

the same time.

Boston. The Natural system of vertical writing, pub-

Boston. The Natural system of vertical writing, published by D. C. Heath & Co., has been added to the list of text-books.

Iowa. County adoptions of text-books have nearly all been made. The American Book Co. represented by V. L. Wilson, and Messrs. Stoner & Winters secured the largest share. The Werner School Book Co. also secured a number of adoptions as well as Ginn & Co., D. C. Heath & Co., Silver, Burdett & Co.

Grand Rapids, Mich. Board adopted a report recommending the adoption of a series of copy-books issued by the board, and that the work in penmanship in the schools be done without the assistance of a special supervisor of penmanship.

anship. Nebraska. County adoptions will be open in the fall. When the New Hanover, N. C., board of education met to dopt books a committee urged the adoption of Lee's School



JOSEPH H. STRONG, New Member Board of Education, Chicago, Ill.

History of the United States, Lee's Abridged History, and "The Southern States of the American Union," by the Rev. J. L.M. Curry, D.D., L.L. D. They submitted to the board that some of the histories heretofore were untruthful as to events connected with the war, so far as the South is concerned, but some of them were full of insults to the Southern people and unfit for Southern children to study. They stated that all they wanted was a history that recorded the simple truth, and as Lee's history was fair enough to give credit to Pettigrew's charge at Gettysburg, they favored that history, the author of which is Mrs. S. P. Lee, of Lexington, The adoption was then made.

Chicago. A motion to hold secret committee m the purpose of considering text books failed. Mr. Rosenthal gave as his reason for secrecy that many publishers were present and that the superintendents might be timid in expressing their views in regard to the books under consid eration. Mr. Brenan, chairman of the committee, took a different view of the matter. He said: "We are engaged in the public business and the public should know what we are doing. We are not afraid of the book agents who are here. If they are they ought not to be. York, Pa. The board of school directors awarded the con-

tract for school desks, recitation settees and office chairs for director's room to Thomas Kane & Co., Racine, Wis. Wilkes Barre, Pa. Supt. Coughlin in his report to the

board comments favorably upon the Pollard Synthetic method and Eggleston's first book on American history.

Indiana. The firms represented in the bidding for state entracts were the following: Leach, Shewell & Sanborn Chicago; Jonathan Rigdon, Danville, Ind.; Mayuard, Merrill & Co., Chicago; D. C. Heath & Co., Chicago; Indiana School Book Co., Indianapolis; Inland Publishing Co., Terre Haute, and Ginn & Co., Chicago. The Indiana School Book Co. was evidently well prepared to present its case. It had sent out some time ago quite a large number of books to educators in various parts of the state for examination and had received letters from most of them, which were filed with the board, and are understood to be indorsements of the books. This company offered its Indiana state series of language lessons, first book and second book, for 25 cents and 40 cents, respectively.

The council adopted the following resolution: Whereas, A spirited contest is being waged by book firms in Akron, O., Cincinnati, O., St. Louis, Mo., and New York City to secure the contract for supplying the schools of Chicago with text-books, and

Whereas, A Chicago book and publishing house employ ing union labor is also a competitor, and agrees to furnish the best school books at a lower price than is paid at present, and if successful, will employ fifteen union compositors and 500 union workmen in all departments, all residents of Chicago, and thereby assist to build up a great school-book publishing industry of permanent benefit to Chicago; there

Pesolved, That the board of aldermen of the city of Chicago most strenuously urges and requests the board of education to award the contract to the firm printing and publishing the books in Chicago, and earnestly protests against giving the work to non-resident firms, thus depriving our or workmen of employment to which they are justly entitled.

June 1st the whole state of North Carolina began to adopt

school books by counties.

Among the many schools and colleges now adopting the Isaac Pitman system of shorthand, may be menti-Paine's business college, one of the oldest and best known institutions in New York City, which makes the announcement in its new prospectus. The teaching of the Isaac Pit-man shorthand in the public schools of this and other large cities has had the effect of popularizing this system to such an extent, that it would seem that the day is not far distant, when the majority of schools and business colieges will be teaching it.

Improved reading and spelling by the Pollard Synthetic method.

Comment of D. P. Dane, of Greenfield, Mass., in his January, 1896. an ual report: "The critical study of sounds, syllables, and words, is making better spellers of our pupils and is securing a clearer articulation and more correct conunciation.

In another column see advertisement of the Western Pub-

lishing House, Chicago,

Brooklyn, N. Y. Board of education received the following ommunications: From Perry, Mason & Co., proposing to furnish selections from the Youth's Companion, Nos. 1 to 9 at 7½ cents each; By Land and Sea (Nos. 2 to 5, in one volume), at 30c.; Talks About Animals (Nos. 6 to 9, in one vol ume), at 30c. From Rand, McNally & Co., proposing to fur nish the Rand-McNally Elementary geography, at 44c.; New Large Scale Outline map, spring rollers, in diamond case each \$2.60; Rand-McNally-physical map, spring rollers, in diamond case, each \$6.30. From Mrs. S. M. Ostrander, calling attention to the "History of Brooklyn and Kings County," by Stephen M. Ostrander. From Scott, Foresman & Co., pro posing to supply readings from the Bible at 25c. per copy. From the Morse Co., asking that Thompson's Fairy Tale and Fable, primary reader, be placed on the special list of text-books in addition to the general list, and submitting samples of "New Century Busy Work." From Wm. B. Hatison, proposing to furnish the Easy primer at 24c. per copy. From D. C. Heath & Co., proposing to furnish Heath's vertical copybooks, Nos. 1 to 6 inclusive, at 63c. per dozen. From the Werner School Book Co., submitting the Story of Our Co try, at 48c.; the Werner arithmetic book, at 32c. From Maynard, Merril & Co., submitting Merrill's vertical penmanship,

supplemental series, Nos. 1 and 2, at 77c. per dozen. From Houghton, Mifflin & Co., proposing to fur-nish quadruple numbers of the Riverside literature series, at 48c each; Masterpieces of British literature, at 80c.; Froebel's gifts. Freebel's occupations, Kindergarten principles and practice. ach 67c.

Detroit, Mich. Board ordered purchased, opy of Baist's atlas of

Ill. It was Chicago, voted to order 350 copies of the leaflet, "Voices of the Woods.'



E. B. CRAIGHEAD, Clemson College, South Carolina Member State Board of Examiners.

Milwaukee, Wis. Board received a communication from man & Co., for the introduction of readings from the Bible.

Brooklyn, N. Y. The following text-books were ordered

placed on the list for use in the schools:

General List.—Hill's Principles of Rhetoric, Lane's Stories or Children, Baldwin's Old Greek Stories, Baldwin's Old Stories of the East, Eggleston's Stories of Great Americans for Little Americans, Eggleston's Stories of American Life and Adventure, Old Time Stories, Hinsdale's American Government, Wiltse's Grimm's Fairy Tales, Part II, Newcomer's English Composition, Rupert's Geographical Reader, Southworth's Essentials of Arithmetic, Part I, Southworth's Essential's of Arithmetic, Part II, New Franklin Arithmetic, Bergen's Elements of Botany, Hall & Knight's Elementary Algebra, Hall & Knight's Algebra for Beginners. List for High Schools.—A Practical Course with the

rench Language by Languellier & Monsanto, Le Chien de Brisquet by Nordier, D'Ooge's Viri Romæ, Genung's Outlines of Rhetoric, Collar & Daniell's First Latin Book, Myer's History of Greece, Montgomery's Leading Facts of English History, Montgomery's Leading Facts of French History,

Goodeve's Principles of Mechanics, Thompson's Elementary Lessons in Electricity and Magnetism. Columbus, O. State Superintendent Corson, is sending to all the boards of education of the state, the following list of publishers who have agreed to sell text-books at 75 per cent. of the listed price: Ainsworth & Co., Central School Su; ply House, S. C. Griggs & Co., Prang Educational Co., Rand, McNally & Co., Scott, Foresman & Co., Werner School Book Co., D. C. Heath & Co. Chicago, Ill.; The John Church Co., American Book Co., Cincinnati, O.; Creamer Publishing Co., Washington, C. H., O.; Eldredge & Bro., J. B. Lippincott & Co., John E. Potter & Co., Christopher Sower & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.; H. W. Ellsworth, A. D. Lovell & Co., Macmillan & Co., Maynard, Merrill & Co., Morse Co., Potter & Putnam, Sheldon & Co., Harper & Bros., New York; Ginn & Co.. Frank V. Irish, J. D. Luse, C. W. Slocum, A. H. Smythe, Columbus, O.; Allyn & Bacon, Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Leach, Shewell & Sanborn. Lee & Shepard, Silver, Burdett & Co., Thompson, Brown & Co., Boston, Mass.; The Lansing Print. ing Co., Norwalk, O.; The Practical Text-Book Co., Cleveland, O.: L. S. Wells, W. G. Williams, Delaware, O.

Board of education at Akron, O., will have school books sold from certain stores, instead of school buildings; the dealers to receive five per cent. for their sales, and be held responsible for the books.

Chicago, Ill. Board agreed to place the primary geographies of Werner, Frye, and Rand, McNally & Co. on the list of supplementary reading.

Indiana. The State School Commission has adopted many of the suggestions of the G. A. R., which will be incorporated in the revised history in use in the state schools. Besides the correc tions and inaccuracies of the old history, which will be laid aside, there will be four pages added, devoted to the biographies of the leading Union generals, including Hancock, Logan, Reynolds, McPherson, Howard, and others, and the bravery of the Union soldiery will he shown to have been as great as those who served on the other side.

A beginners' arithmetic, entitled "The First Five Numbers," has just been published by Anton Rheude, Milwaukee, Wis. The work is arranged

upon an original plan.
Advance orders for the Holden Patent Book Covers, manufactured by the Holden Patent Book Cover Co., Springfield, Mass., are coming to them rapidly now, to avoid the great rush in the factory in July, August and September. Many of the large cities have already secured their supply so as to have the soiled covers taken off and clean ones substituted before transferring the book to another pupil. They find it the best plan to have the work done in Summer vacation, and repairs made, so that all are ready for school use whem the fall term begins.

CALIFORNIA TEXT-BOOK LAW.

1874. In the adoption of text-books all county, city, and city and county boards of education shall be governed by the following rules:

First-Any books hereafter adopted as a part of a uniform series of text books must be continued in use for not less than four years.

Second-No change of text-books must be made at any other time than in the months of May or June of the year in which the change is made and no changes shall be made to take effect till the beginning of the school term commencing after the thirtieth day of June of that year; and no books other than those published by the state shall be adopted by the board of education of any county, city, city or county, or be used as text-books in any of the public schools of this state in the subjects of reading, orthography, English grammar, arithmetic, geography, United States history, physiology, and civil government.

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Third-At least sixty days' notice of any proposed change in text-books must be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation published in the county, if there be one, in which such change is to be made. If there be no newspaper published in the county, then such publication shall be made in any newspaper having a general circulation in the county. A copy of the newspaper containing such publication, with such notice marked, must, immediately after the first publication thereof, be by the secretary of the board transmitted to the state board of education, and the same, when received, must be filed by the secretary of said state board. Said notice shall state what text-books it is proposed to change; that sealed bids or proposals will be received by the board for furnishing books to replace them; the place where, and the day and hour when all bids or proposals will be opened, and that the board reserves the right to reject any and all bids or proposals. Said notice shall be published in such newspaper as often as the same shall be issued after the first publication thereof.

Fourth-At the time and place specified in said notice, the board shall meet and publicly open and read all of the bids or proposals which have been received by them, and shall make their awards thereon within ten days thereafter.

Fifth-Said bids or proposals must be accompanied by sample copies of the books proposed to be furnished, together with a statement of the wholesale and retail price at which the publisher agrees to furnish each book within the county, or at San Francisco, during the full time for which said books are to be adopted.

Sixth-If no satisfactory bids or proposals are received, then the books already in use may continue in use until changed, as herein provided.

Seventh-The publisher or publishers whose proposals shall be accepted, must enter into a written contract with the Board of Education making the award, and shall give a good and sufficient bond in a reasonable sum, to be fixed by the board of edu cation, for the faithful performance thereof. Publishers of books already in use may bid under the provisions of this section as well as others, and such bids, if satisfactors, may be accepted by the Board.

Eighth-High schools shall be exempt from the provisions of this section.

Ninth-Nothing in this act shall conflict with any provision of law relating to the State series of text-books; nor shall anything be construed to permit the adoption of any text-books upon any subject covered by the State series of books.

John A. M. Passmore, who represents the American Book Co. at Philadelphia, is the treasurer of the Wickersham Memorial Committee, which has for its object the establishment of the Wickersham Pedagogical Library in honor of the late James Pyle Wickersham, state superintendent of public instruction from 1867 to 1881.

SPECIAL STUDIES

Boston. The board contemplates the introduction of a commercial course in the high schools.

Worcester, Mass. Cooking and sewing will be considered in connection with manual training.

Binghampton, N. Y. Committee reported adver-

sely on a morning flag service.
Indianapolis, Ind. There is an agitation against German and physical culture.

Kansas City, Mo. Supt. Greenwood favors the general introduction of the metric system.

Cleveland, O. An effort is being made to drop the study of German from the public schools.

Rochester, N. Y. Board decided to have stenography and manual training taught in the schools. The Mayor declared that he would not sanction the board's action.

Marshalltown, Ia. The board decided to drop the supervisors of physical culture, music and drawing. By a tie vote the special teachers in German and stenography were retained.

Philadelphia, Pa. Board of Education has received a communication from the Thirty-second Sectional Board protesting against the introduction of music in the schools of that locality, on the ground that the curriculum is already overcrowded.

Los Angeles, Cal. The school board has decided to establish manual training in the public schools.

Pittsburg, Pa. Some 200 or more teachers have taken lessons in free hand gymnastics and the easier exercises in wands, dumbbells and Indian clubs, and are putting their knowledge to use among the pupils. The result, it is thought, will be that most of the schools will employ experts to take charge of this form of education.

Oakland, Cal. Music in the public schools in being taught after school hours.

South Chester. The school board has employed a teacher in stenography and typewriting and has started a thorough business course in the schools.

Wausau, Wis. Board engaged a special teacher to teach music.

Spencer, Mass. It is proposed to introduce a business course at the high school, to include bookkeeping, typewriting and shorthand.

Middlesex, Vt. It is understood that the vertical writing system is to be taught in the schools.

Rochester, N. Y. Board decided to introduce sewing into the public school.

Pawtucket, R. I. Board has taken necessary steps for the establishment of a manual training and cooking school.

Lansing, Mich. The superintendents of Michigan in convention adopted the following resolution: "Resolved, That we regard regular instruction in vocal music, penmanship, drawing, physical culture and nature study in the public schools as of great value as a preparation for the duties of citizenship and the requirements of modern life, and that such instruction should be given by the regular teachers, and whenever practical, it should be under the direction of expert supervisors." resolution was also adopted favoring the high school course, from which pupils can be graduated without any requirements of foreign languages.

The Preece System of Body Training was invented by Mrs. Louise Preece, supervisor of physical training in Minneapolis, Minn., schools.

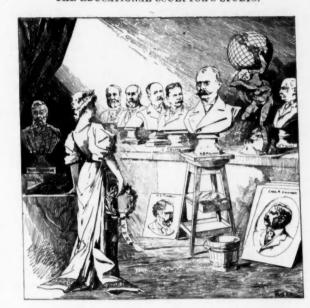
Col. Francis W. Parker, of the Cook Co., Ill., Normal School, is a warm advocate of the teaching of music, "for the reason that rhythm underlies all motion."

Lima, O. The board abolished the positions of music, writing and German teachers in the primary department.

Marinette, Wis. Board dropped the study of Greek in the High school, and will not engage a special instructor of music for the grammar schools

Westboro, Mass. High school course in English has been increased from three to four years.

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WELL DESERVED RECOGNITION.

It is gratifying to know one's efforts are not in vain, but to find that a firm is fulfilling more than it claims, is doubly pleasing. Prof. Geo. G. Ryan, Supt. of New Brunswick, N. J., schools, in talking with Mr. G. W. Holden, president of the Holden Patent Book Cover Co., of Springfield, Mass., said: "Why, you don't state your claim half strong enough for your Adjustable Book Covers and Repairing Material. I have given the matter my personal supervision during the past year, and I find we have obtained wonderful results. I am convinced we are making our books last twice as long as usual by using your system for preserving books, besides giving them a neat and uniform appearance in the school room."

New Brunswick, N. J., is only one of over 700 prominent school boards using the Holden Adjustable Book Covers and Repairing Material, and hundreds of letters have been written praising the Holden system for preserving books for the great economy, neatness, and hygienic benefit obtained by its use. Send for free samples and information, and place early order to avoid rush later. Orders in factory under process of manufacture June 1st were for over 400,000. Holden Patent Book Cover Co., Springfield, Mass.

Col. Chas. W. Johnson, of Silver, Burdett & Co., is spending his vacation in the West.

N. D. Cram, of Silver, Burdett and Co., formerly associated with their western office, is now located in the East. He is looking after the city of Boston and surrounding country. Mr. Cram is an able school man.

The stock and interests of the firm of S. C. Griggs & Co., Chicago, has been purchased by Scott, Foresman & Co. Mr. Griggs retired recently on account of his advancing age and it was

fer the list of books which has considerable merit, to some live firm. Scott, Foresman & Co. are the youngest educational publishing house in the west but the recent additions to their list strengthen them considerably and place them among the most active ones. Sometime ago they purchased the Geo. Sherwood & Co. list of books.

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SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

DR. A. G. FIELD, OF DES MOINES, READS A GOOD AND TIMELY PAPER AT CRESTON.

The following was read before the medical society meeting at Creston, by Dr. A. G. Field of this city:

"The subject of school hygiene is neither new, novel, nor wanting in literature, but its importance justifies every effort and suggestion that may be made for its improvement. I make no apology, therefore, for bringing it again to the notice of the profession, which has been in all ages and under all conditions the conservator of the public good.

Statistics show that more than 680,000 persons between the ages of 5 and 21 years are included in the population of Iowa at the present time. This large multitude—the rising and coming generation of citizens—are in process of development and preparation for the multiform duties on the stage of action as American citizens.

Whatever there be in school life that curtails the natural attributes—nay, more—whatever of possible assistance to the progressive evolution of the natural powers—physical, moral or mental—that is not provided withholds assistance in the same degree from the future possibilities of our grandest of all civilizations and robs the world of the best fruits of human perfection.

The home of school life is the school-room. A personal inspection of a very large number of these homes has diclosed a very great diversity of architectural provisions for heating, lighting, ventilating and seating them. The modes of lighting may be used as an illustration. Some have windows on three sides, some have windows at only one end. Some have windows in clusters of two, three or four, others have them evenly distributed along the sides. Some have an aggregate of glass area in the windows equal to one fourth of the floor area, while others have but one foot of glass area to fifteen square feet of floor. One teacher in a room with a glass area equal to one square foot for every five square feet of floor area, incidentally remarked that she had noticed that three of her scholars had become near-sighted, but she added, "I think it is natural." The great probability is that her strongly lighted room was responsible for the incurable defect in the eyes of her pupils-the highest medical authority to the contrary notwithstanding.

In these school rooms the same diversity exists as to the manner of heating, ventilating and arrangement of seats. Now, it is evident that all these cannot be the best, under any possible combination of circumstances. There is, however, a best plan by which to light a school room, and a best way to heat a given form of school room, and a best way to ventilate and seat a school room, and these best ways can only develop the best possibilities in the rising generation. These best things should be the crowning characteristic of every school room, and it is our duty to provide them. Such, however, cannot be expected to result from the unrestricted operation of our present common school laws, by which the adoption of plans are often left to those without experience or other qualifications, unless it be the mere occupancy of a school office. This condition might be obviated by having plans worked up under the most careful sanitary and architectural supervision with special reference to the several needs, requirements and financial ability of a variety of school districts -plans for buildings ranging in cost, say from \$1,000 to \$20,000, such sets of plans to be recognized as standard and stereotyped, to be furnished only through the office of the superintendent of public instruction to districts intending to construct school houses, and to be adopted by them without change or modification. This requirement would obviate many errors and expensive innovations which now find their way into plans and specifications, and would insure to every district the very best structures at minimum cost. With improved school houses, the most liberal use

of charts and blackboards, and a more sacred regard for the laws and conditions of nature in the conduct of schools, we may cherish a reasonable hope that the succeeding generation will not be one of punies, cripples and squints manufactured in school house by school methods at the expense of the property owners by compulsory taxation.

Another matter of considerable interest in connection with public schools might with some degree of propriety be headed moral sanitation. It is a comparison between the growth of expense to the taxpayer in maintaining our system of public schools and the expense of crime. This may at first sight appear to be an attempt to approximate two subjects too remote for comparison. But as a matter of fact they are very nearly allied to each other. The whole superstructure of the public school system rests its financial support upon the assumption that education diminishes crime. In other words, crime jeopardizes property interests, and reduces property values.

It is assumed that education diminishes crime. Therefore, tax upon property to educate the masses is justified. Relying upon the soundness of this proposition, the general government has made large land grants to all the states. Grants were bestowed upon all of our educational institutions. including the common schools. Some of our institutions have squandered these grants long ago, and for many years the taxpayers of the state have been drawn upon to defray the expenses of making doctors and lawyers, because doctors and lawyers are supposed to render values in farm lands more secure. This paper is not intended to antagonize this proposition, but it attempts to present some collations from statistics to show that the expense of crime does not diminish with the growth of the public school system, and that if the public school

system discharges its obligation to the taxpayer

it must turn out a higher order of citizenship than

it has been doing in the past. The cost of crime

in all its phases is very great and difficult to even

estimate. But we may take one item of which we

have the statistics as an index for comparison. In the year 1880 there was expended for the support of the public schools of the state the sum of \$4,921,249, and for criminal convictions the sum of \$313,141; population was 1,624,615. A little calculation on this basis shows that for every individual man, woman and child-the cost of the public school was \$3,029, and for every conviction of crime 19 cents and 2 mills. In 1885 the cost of public schools was \$6,054,313, and the cost of criminal convictions \$413,340; the population then was 1,753,980. The cost of public schools per capita was \$3,446, and the cost of criminal convictions \$0.231. In 1890 the cost of the public schools was \$6.210.317. and the cost of the criminal convictions \$452,294; the population was 1,911,806. The expenditure per capita for public schools was \$3.30, and for criminal

convictions \$0.236.

These figures show with what generous hands the property owners are putting up the increasing millions every year to maintain the public schools as a safeguard against the crime, and they show also that the other burden, that of crime, so far from being diminished, is increasing with each succeeding year.

What the statistics of crime would be without the pubic schools we do not know, but if the public schools are to give us a higher order of citizenship in return to the taxpayer for what they cost, it high time to see some of the fruits. In a personal visitation to quite a large number of these schools, the following stereotyped question was asked of teachers and principals: "Is anything taught to impress the importance of industry, honesty and a faithful discharge of duty as a citizen?" The general reply was, "Yes, we are doing what we can by precept and by example to impress these things and to make good citizens." Some alluded to the general apathy and lack of moral restraint in many homes from which the children came. But the obligation of home to the child is

of a different nature entirely, and of which we are not now attempting to treat. The question is, what can the public schools do to improve the character of citizenship, and especially to diminish crime. It appears that at present the teachers unaided and alone, are making use of whatever individual resources they possess for good. But they



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should be aided by an authoritative, well considered and well matured plan, formulated as a guide to be used in cases where they feel the need of it. A clear conception of right and wrong should be cultivated by the most painstaking methods. That crown jewel of all true manhood and true womanhood—conscience—should be preserved as a guide in all the affairs of life.

The formulation and preservation of helps for the teacher along these lines, would be an achievement worthy the purest philanthropist, the wisest statesman and the noblest patriot, and they would be worth to the state the whole millions laid every year at the shrine of public education.

PENSIONING OF TEACHERS.

Buffalo, N. Y. A law is urged providing that any female teacher who has taught school for 25 years and any male teacher who has taught schools for 30 years, provided four lifths of this time was in Buffalo, will be allowed to retire and draw from the fund an annuity equal to one half of his or her salary, provided such sum shall not exceed \$600. The fund will be created by the teachers themselves, who shall pay 20 per cent. of their annual salary into the treasury.

New York City. The board retired ten teachers on a pension.

Lowell, Mass. The Primary School Teachers' Association proposes to protest against the proposed act providing a pension for school teachers at a certain age.

Sioux City, Ia. The school board has ordered all penny in the slot machines removed from the vicinity of the school houses.

Chicago. The board has under consideration the establishing of a school for the use of news boys and other street urchins.



Professor's Wife (with a crying child):—"Do deliver me from this child a few minutes."

Professor:—"I deliver nothing but lectures."



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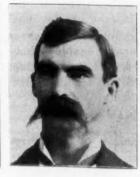




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THE PROGRAMME.

This is the programme of the First National School Board Convention, or Department of School Administration, to be held in connection with the annual meeting of the National Educational Association at Buffalo on July 8th and 10th:

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8TH.

All addresses limited to 15 minutes, and will be followed by a general discussion.

"The School Board Convention Idea," William George Bruce, editor American School Board Journal, Milwaukee, Wis.

"School Boards: What and Why," R. L. Yeager, Esq., president Board of Education, Kansas City, Mo.

"The Relation of a Board to its Superintendent," William S. Mack, member of the Board of Education, Aurora, Ill.

"The Free Text Book System," Mrs. Louisa Reed Stowell, member of the Board of Education, Washington, D. C.

FRIDAY, JULY 10TH.

General business routine, election of officers, etc. "Shall Teachers be Pensioned?" Dr. J. E. Clark, president Board of Education, Detroit, Mich.

"School-house Hygiene," William Backus, Esq., ex-president School Council, Cleveland O.

"School-house Architecture," the Hon. J. E. Dooley, president School Board, Salt Lake City, Utah.

GOOD SCHOOL BOARD QUESTIONS.

We submit to county and state conventions of school boards the following list of questions which may bring out many profitable suggestions and solutions:

Of how many members shall a Board of Education (or School Board) consist, based upon the population of a city?

Should members be elected or appointed? From the city at large or to represent districts?

Should the members be elected in equal numbers from the two great political parties, or can any other device be suggested to eliminate politics from school administration?

By what authority should the superintendent of schools be elected or appointed? And for what term?

What should be the qualifications of a city superintendent of schools?

Should the city superintendent owe his appointment directly or indirectly to the state educational authorities and be responsible to them rather than the local authorities?

In whom should be vested the authority to license teachers? To cancel licenses for

In whom should be vested the power to appoint teachers? In whom the power to discharge teachers?

Supposing teachers are appointed to a school, who should have the power to assign them to grades or classes?

Should the principle of competitive examinations be introduced in determining promotion to positions of greater responsibility or emolument?

How should the duties of superintendents on the one hand and of principals on the other in the supervision of methods and of teaching be defined?

By whom should the course of study be made?

By whom should text books be selected? By whom should promotions be made?

By whom should disputes between parents and the teaching force be settled?

By whom should a compulsory education law be enforced?

MISDIRECTED EDUCATION.

A professional man lately said "the world is getting too much educated." German writer, in a recent article on the social condition of that country, speaks of the great number of young men who are graduating from the universities and professional schools, and suggests restricting the number. The supply of professional men exceeds the demand. These men, finding no place where there services are needed, are really without employment. They become dissatisfied, and naturally try to find something or some one that they can blame. If they cannot find anything else, they blame the government, and think there is need of reform. Often they become socialists or anarchists. They think the world owes them a living in the way they want to live. They become unpleasant elements. Are American universities turning out too many professional men? Is our educational system training men and women to think that only professional labor make of teachers.

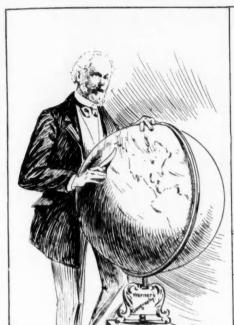
is respectable? We read that foreign monarchs have taken pains that their children should learn some trade whereby they might, if necessary, earn a livelihood. The industrial system in our schools ought to have some influence in a practical way. Toss a cat up in the air in any position and it will come down on its feet. Let some of our most learned men be thrown off their feet and they are very apt to come down "like a thousand of brick." They can do but one thing, and they are helpless when deprived of a chance to do that one thing. Manual labor is often more remunerative than a wearisome effort in the socalled learned professions. Let the schools teach their students to be practical and to be content to do that which is nearest to them, and to believe that all honest employments are equally honorable. It is a mistake to continually hold before the children in the schools the idea that life is a competition for place and wealth.

THE SPOILSMAN IN THE SCHOOLS.

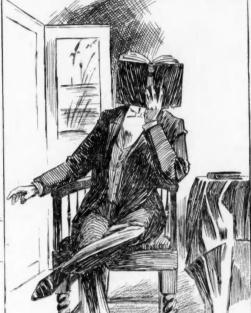
The pernicious practice of "local influence," which is followed with such determination in many localities, is discussed by a Pennsylvania paper, wherein the school board receives some sensible advice.

"In selecting new teachers the director should have an eye single to the public good and pay no heed to personal claims or the outside pressure of friends, political or otherwise. In too many cases the "influence" an applicant for a school can summon, more than his or her own qualifications, determine an appointment. A ward leader, family and church power are often brought to bear upon directors to force them unwillingly to supplant a worthy applicant by an inferior one. Much of this is inevitable in all public institutions, the officials of which depend upon popular suffrage. But it can be reduced to a minimum, and should be, if directors have a proper conception of their duties and a regard for the public welfare. Neither personal favoritism or charity should have a voice in selecting the teacher who is to fashion the minds of children committed to her care.

In selecting teachers deference should be paid the opinion of the superintendent. Let more responsibility be placed upon him - making him responsible for the ability and character of bis teaching force. If he abuses his position and shows too much personal favoritism, or any indeed, get a bolder, more independent and conscientious superintendent. In the great majority of cases a superintendent has fewer axes to grind than a whole board of directors. Surely, he should know more about the ability of a teacher than the board. It is for this purpose he is elected, and he is handicapped if shorn of half his means to make the schools efficient. The employing of teachers is a business affair. It should have no sentiment in it, compassion or personal friendship. Nature has no room for failures, and neither has the world of man in any relation of life. No merchant or banker employs a clerk simply because of the pressure outside parties bring to bear. He would soon tell them to mind their own business, as he purposed selecting an employe on account of his competency and not because he voted a certain ticket, was the friend of this man or belonged to that church. This is only plain common sense, and acting upon it the business world does not become bankrupt. Is not a child's mind of as much importance as good book keeping? The school board will please answer by the choice they









H. S. TARBELL MAKES A GEOGRAPHY.

AUTHOR OF MCGUFFEY'S READERS DEAD.

THE NEXT PRESIDENT OF THE N. E. A.

EDUCATIONAL MARBLE RESTORED.

Prof. Gilman in declining the superintendency of New York City, submitted the following to the Board of Education: Among the problems of paramount interest is the permanent separation of the public school system from the influences of parties, sects and personal preferments; how can old methods of instruction be improved and the training of the hand and eye be secured without the neglect of the printed page; how can morality and patriotism be promoted in schools that are governed by local self-government and are free from the control of all religious bodies; how may the different requirements of such diverse elements as constitute the population of a cosmopolitan city be supplied; what is the proper training for public school teachers? These and other problems will be solved in New York.

A St. Louis minister scored the school board of that city in the following manner: "Not one member has contributed an article to a periodical or shown the least interest in the subject of education. They do not even associate with educated men. One member can neither read nor write. He can barely scrawl his name. One habitually uses profane language in open meetings of the board. He is the man who said that if the Democrats got any representation in the election it would be over his dead body."

State superintendent Skinner says that out of the 30,000 teachers in the State of New York, 25,000 were women, and these women were training the boys and girls for citizenship. He says that as long as a woman does a man's work as a teacher, she ought to receive a man's pay.

The Philadelphia Ledger says that the subjects chosen for discussion by the

National School Board Convention to be held at Buffalo are live topics in every city of the United States.

Albert P. Marble, who was deposed from the superintendency at Omaha some time ago, has been appointed by the school board of Holyoke, Mass.

AMONG BOARDS OF EDUCATION.

Harvey, Ill. President Pettigrew of the school board, said at its June meeting: "We don't want any teacher who makes no enemies."

New Castle. The board of education took over 300 balots before the final choice of superintendent was declared.

Brooklyn, N. Y. An objection was raised in permitting the English History to be taken up by the scholars before they become thoroughly proficient in American history, but no change was made.

Chicago. Board received a communication from the Chicago Typographical Union, urging the board to use the books of a local firm because it employs union labor.

Philadelphia. The board unanimously re-elected Henry W. Halliwell into his forty ninth consecutive year of service as an official, into his twentyseventh year as its secretary.

Pottsville, Pa. Major Levi Huber was elected president of the school board for the seventeenth consecutive term. He has been a member of the school board for thirty years.



HENRY P. EMERSON, Superintendent of Schools, Buffalo, N. Y.

Detroit. The Committee on Supplies insists upon holding secret sessions.

Kansas City, Kan. A meeting of school boards was held. State Supt. Stanley spoke on "The School Board, Its Obligations to the Pupil, the Teacher and to the Public."

St. Paul. The board will forbid teachers from giving private instructions to pupils.

San Francisco. The board will abolish the granting medals to pupils. It is held that those who win the medals are those from whom no effort is necessary. Often the most deserving do not get them. Often they are the cause of jealousy and hard feeling. Often the recipients obtain them by cheating and sharp practice. Often those who do get them place no value upon them.

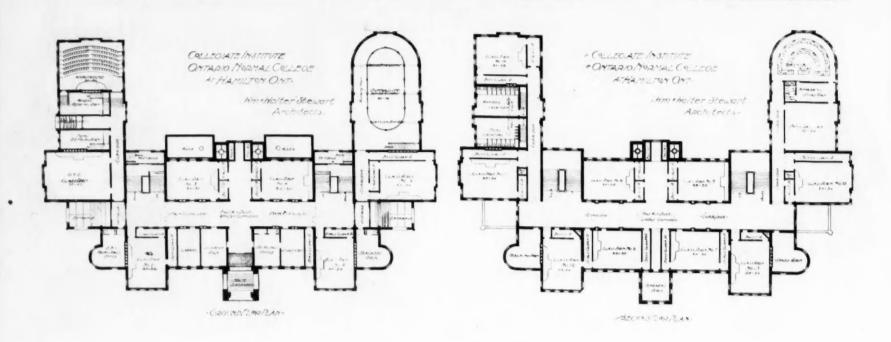
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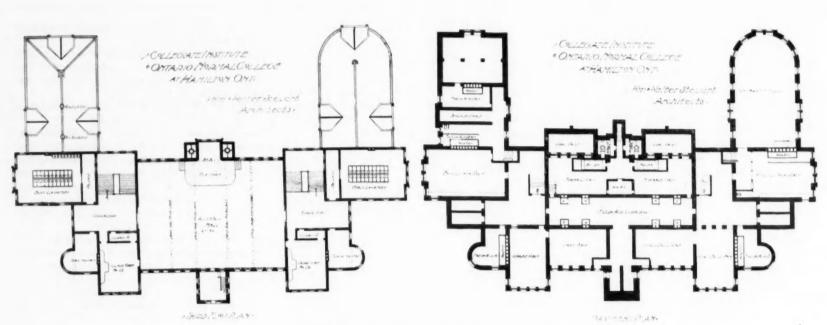
Spokane, Wash. It is vigorously charged by the press that the board has dismissed teachers on religious grounds. The charge has remained unanswered.

Chicago. The board adopted Rand-McNally's geography. The Werner, Frye and Rand-McNally primary geographies were placed on the supplementary list.

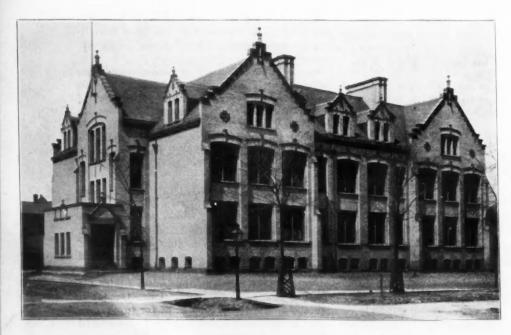
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Syracuse, N. Y. C. W. Bardeen has established a branch of his extensive eastern business in Los Angeles. Mr. Bardeen is widely known as the able director of the School Bulletin, in which have appeared from time to time descriptions of his foreign travels, made largely for educational observation. He also is proprietor of the largest pedagogical book house in the United States, his catalogue numbering 400 publications. Combined with the above he has conducted for twenty-five years the School Bulletin Teachers' agency and school supply department.





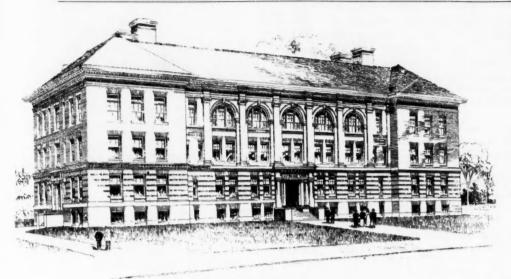
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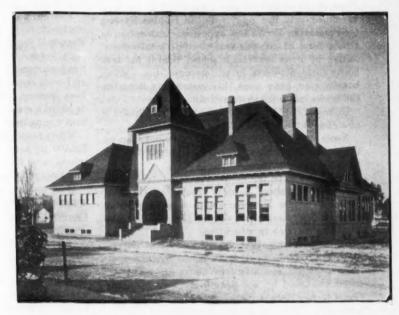
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GIRLS' NORMAL SCHOOL, PHILADELPHIA, PA.



OAKLAND SCHOOL, PITTSBURGH, PA.



BOYD STREET, NEAR SAN PEDRO STREET. FIVE ROOMS Los Angeles, Cal.



TEMPLE AND CUSTER STREETS, TEN ROOMS.

SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENTS.

Saginaw, Mich. It is proposed to adorn the bare walls of the public schools with works of art. Olean, N. Y. Board has purchased a one horse ball and roller bearing Deering mower for mowing lawns about school buildings.

The American Writing Machine Co. has issued a neat catalogue describing the Caligraph Typewriter, styles of type used, etc.

The Goes Lithographing Co., of Chicago, has added a diploma department and will make all kinds of diplomas to order.

Salt Lake City. A contract was made with Rand, McNally & Co., to furnish five sets of phy-

sical maps, at \$30 per set.

Dover, N. H. School committee turned down the itinerant photographer.

Milwaukee, Wis. Board purchased several Remington typewriters for high school use

J. L. Hammett & Co, the school supply firm of Boston, burned last month. The loss is about one-third on a \$25,000 stock. The firm has already replenished its stock, and is again in full running

On June 1st the Holden Patent Book Cover Co., Springfield, Mass., had orders on their books under process of manufacture for over 400,000 book covers. The growth of this business has been phenomenal and yet not surprising either, because it has been clearly demonstrated that the "Holden System for Preserving Books" makes them last about twice as long-an immense saving to free text book school

boards.

The officials of the U.S. Bureau of Education, Department of the Interior, Washington, recently examined into the merits of the Holden System for Preserving Books and expressed themselves in strong term of commendation. The total annual outlay by Free text book school boards for text books alone, amounts to an immense sum. Many boards who have used this system say it makes the books last fully twice as long.

Holmes, O. The school board has purchased a new chart known as the "New Education."

Xenia, O. The board spent \$300 to put flags on the school buildings. There is a great deal of fault found with the statute.

Ogdensburg, N. Y. E. W. Preston, representing the Central School Supply House of Chicago, appeared before the board with a series of relief maps, which have now won a place among the necessary devices in education.

Practice, examination, drawing and test papers, also legal and foolscap letterheads, writing, spelling, specimen and language books are manufactured and sold by the School and Office Supply Co., of Grand Rapids, Mich. Samples sent to those interested. Their prices are astonishingly low.

The Smith & White Manufacturing Co., of Holyoke, Mass., which has won fame in the school stationery line, has a printing plant in connection with its mills, and is prepared to furnish all kinds of regular school papers.

Among the school supply men and publishers who will be represented at Buffalo during the great conventions will be the firm of Peckham, Little & Co., whose members are popular with many school officials.

The Century School Supply Co. of Chicago, succeeds the firm of C. F. Rassweiler & Co., with S. J. Stewart as president, E. A. Neiberger, vice president, C. C. Marquerat, secretary, and C. F. Rassweiler, treasurer. The new company has bought the stock and good will of the late firm, including their Yaggy's geographical portfolio, Palestine portfolio, and their lithographic plates and engravings for these and other apparatus and books, and all designs either in use or in process of preparation by the old firm. A circular sent out by the new company states that customers and salesmen in the field will know no essential change in the character or personality of the organization. They will recognize familiar names among those of the officers of the company. Some of them have been associated with the old firm in its management

from the beginning. They will be as active in their endeavors to make the business a success in the future as in the past. The officers, who have all been in this business in Chicago in some responsible capacity for many years, will have associated with them in the office and in the field, some of the most active and successful school supply men in the country.

Chicago. Board of education has awarded the contract for the Olmsted artificial slate blackboards to the Standard School Furnishing Co., twenty-two room building, corner Fifty-fourth street and Ingleside avenue for \$1,187. For the twelve-room addition for the Scanlan school, \$638.40; also for the ten-room addition to the Everets and Sixty-first street school, and the twelve-room building to be erected on Eighty ninth and Superior streets, nine-room addition to the school building Thirty-fifth and Wallace streets, four-room addition to the Oakridge school, fourroom addition to the Manierre school. Also contracts have been awarded for the Olmsted artiflcial slate in the following cities: High school, Lockport, Ill., public school building, Lexington, Ill., Saybrook, Ill., Monroe, Wis., two buildings at Sparta, Wis., one building at Anderson, Ind., high school building, and two grammar schools at Kokomo, Ind., one building at Whitestown, Ind., Washington, Ind., Bradford, Ill., Oaktown, Ind., North Judson, Ind., Galesburg, Ill., two twelveroom buildings at Terre Haute, Ind. Likewise public school building at Duquesne, Pa., and three buildings at Pittsburgh, Pa., and a new high school building at Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Standard School Furnishing Co. received contracts from the Chicago board of education for Standard venetian blinds.

St. Louis. F. Weber & Co. have removed their headquarters to 709 Locust street, where larger and more commodious offices and salesrooms have been secured. The firm has built up a reputation on artist's materials, and engineer's and draughtsman's supplies.

Milwaukee. High school committee will expend \$10,000 to equip laboratories of West Side high school, also \$200 each for South Side high school, and East Side high school,

It is claimed for the multum in parvo school records, published by Charles B. Opp, Bethlehem, Pa., that they are most compact, convenient, and comprehensive.

The Caxton Co., of Chicago, have, since our last issue, brought out a new series of charts on United States history and civil government, showing the development of the United States from the time when Columbus first kissed the soil of the new world, to the nomination of Major McKinley. It is replete with historical facts from the pen of Mr. Zellar, and is beautifully illustrated. We predict for this progressive firm a big sale for the new series. They also are on the eve of issuing another edition of the small map of Cuba, which has proved an excellent seller.

SCHOOL FURNITURE.

Elizabeth, N. J. Contract to seat a twenty-room building awarded to Haney School Furniture Co. Potter & Putnam, New York, agents.

Hasbrook Heights, N. J. Contract awarded to the Haney School Furniture Co.

Elizabeth, N. J. There was a large delegation of furniture men in attendance at the meeting of the board of education. They presented their proposals for furnishing, including 1,800 desks, assembly-room chairs, teachers' desks, etc. The bidders were Looker & Ford, McManus Bros., and Joseph G. Ogden, Elizabeth, N. J.; Bobrick School Furniture Co., of Boston, Mass.: New Jersey School Furniture Co., Trenton: Haney School Furniture Co., New York; J. M. Sander & Co. Philadelphia; Hygienic School Furniture Co., New York U. S. Furniture Co., New York; Chandler Adjustable Chair & Desk Co., Boston, and W. L. Starkey, of Paterson. The Haney Co. secured the contract.

Arlington, Mass. Has awarded the contract to seat its new six-room building to the Chandler Adjustable Chair & Desk Co., of 165 Devonshire street. Every seat and desk to be adjustable.

Canton, Mass. Also places its order for the reseating of the Hemmenway school (all adjustable) with the same company. Cranford, N. J. Miss Wing ordered the Bobrick desks and seats for her academy.

Malden, Mass. After thorough and careful investigation of the many styles of adjustable school furniture to-day on the market, and after requesting sealed bids to be placed with the chairman of its committee for its twelve-room school, its new eight-room Lincoln school, and its new eight-room Linden school, on June 12th, at a public meeting, opened up the bids, and although the bid of the Chandler Adjustable Chair & Desk Co. was the highest, its goods were considered of so superior merit as to



J. W. McCLYMONDS, City Supt. Schools, Oakland, Cal.

arrant the placing with it of the entire contract, all three

Guelph, Ont. Ordered the Bobrick desks and seats.

Raleigh, N. C. Ordered the Bobrick desks and seats. North Easton, Mass. The magnificent \$100,000 high school building, built and presented to the town of North Easton. by ex-Governor Ames, of Massachusetts, is being equipped throughout with Bobrick furniture.

North Andover, Mass. Ordered the Bobrick furniture for the Johnson high school building. Northampton, Mass. The committee on public property,

by unanimous vote, awarded the contract for furnishing the high school building to the Bobrick School Furniture Co., of Boston.

South Manchester, Conn. Will equip its new school build-

ing with the Bobrick desks and seats.

Easthampton, Mass. The school committee awarded the contract for furnishing the new eight-room school building to the Bobrick School Furniture Co., of Boston.
Tilton, N. H. Awarded the contract for furniture to the

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Baltimore, Md. The report of Dr. Hiram Woods, Jr., and Herbert Harlan, who were selected to examine the eyes of the pupils in the public schools, was read to the board. Of the 53,067 children examined, in 9,051 vision was so poor as to demand investigation. In the opinion of the oculists the new schools, and, as rapidly as possible, the old ones, should be provided with adjustable desks. Children's height should be measured and seat and desk height should be reg-ulated in proportion to leg and body height. While care is certainly exercised by some of the teachers in seating the children and rooms contain desks of an average size, according to grade, there seems to be no fixed rule regarding distance of the seat from the desk, proportionate height of The report concludes that each, or width of seat. experimental year has led the physicians to believe that the visual examination by teachers should be made yearly in the second to eighth grade, inclusive. Failure to reach the standard or deterioration from a previous year should be reported to parents and they should be advised to consult

Oshkosh, Wis. The Chandler Adjustable desks and seats

were selected.
Athens, O. Mr. Hudson, of the Hudson School Furniture

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New York, N. Y. Board awarded a contract for school furniture to the Richmond School Furniture Co.

Syracuse, N. Y. Randolph McNutt secured a contract to furnish 416 desks for Tompkin's school.

The Oak desks, manufactured by the Standard School Furnishing Co., of Chicago, have been placed in a number of schools recently. A few of the cities are as follows: Monroe, Wis., Lorton, Neb., Mankato, Janseville, and Becker, Minn., Watson, Ill., Turin and Otto, Ia., Medinak, N. Dakota, Watson, and Tarkio, Mo.

Winsted, Conn., has adopted the Chandler adjustable school furniture and sent in its order for one hundred sets.

Worcester, Mass. After a two years' trial in many of its school buildings of the various styles of adjustable furniture, has placed its order for 2,064 sets, with the Chandler Adjustable Chair and Desk Co., 165 Devonshire street, Boston, thus showing its idea as to which is of superior merit. Worcester is the second largest city in the state of Massachusetts, and the adoption of the Chandler furniture in such large quantities will be an incentive to the adoption of these goods by the smaller cities and towns throughout New England.

Brooklyn, N. Y. The Truant school will be fitted through-

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Brooklyn, N. Y. The Truant school will be fitted throughout with the Chandler adjustable school furniture.
Pawtucket, R. I. The magnificent new high school building will be fitted throughout with the Chandler furniture.
Somerville, Mass. The large new twelve-room building, named in honor of ex-Mayor William H. Hodgkins, will be fitted throughout with the Chandler furniture, some 650 sets.
Oshkosh, Wis., last but not least, located in the center of the old style combination furniture manufacturers' country, has placed its order with the Chandler Adjustable Chair & Desk Co., for their latest adjustable school furniture for its new high school.

new high school.
Holland, Mich. The West Michigan Seating Co. will have their plant in full operation by August 1. They already have a number of orders on hand, and will unquestionably do a

Proposals Wanted.

Cleveland, O. Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the clerk of the board of education, 190 Euclid Ave., until 12:00 o'clock noon, July 18, for furnishing the school desks and seats, and both stationary and adjustable table settees, teachers' desks and other furniture needed to completely furnish the Barkwill and Willard school buildings and the annex to the Clark school building. Bond \$1,000. H. O. Sargent, school director.

HEATING AND VENTILATING.

Yonkers, N. Y. The heating, ventilation and sanitation contracts were awarded to T. C. North-

Monroe, Ia. Board contracted with the Phelps Ideal Steam Heat Co., of Oskaloosa, Ia., for putting in heating apparatus for the school building.

Fort Dodge, Ia. Board decided to put in the Fuller & Warren heating and ventilating apparatus in the West Side School.

The American Boiler Co. has issued a handsome book on Non-Drip Va'ves, showing illustrations of this improvement, giving list of sizes, prices, etc.

Minneapolis. In the long drawn out contest over a school house heating contract, in which the Sturtevant Company figured prominently, and which led to an investigation on a bribery charge, the result turned in favor of a local firm. The Sturtevant Company was turned down.

Toledo. The board has been enjoined by legal process from awarding contract to Isaac D. Smead. The board entered a demurrer which was sustained.

Galesburg, Ill. Mr. Cushing a representative of the Johnson Temperature Regulating Co., made a statement of the points of the thermostat. In St. Paul two schools were reported, one having the regulator and one not, showed in two years a saving of coal of \$339 for the room having the regulator. The board then contracted for the Johnson system.

Beatrice, Neb. A resolution was adopted order ing the removal of the Smead dry closet from the Glenover school building.

The following schools have contracted for the Johnson system of heat regulation: New high school, Sparta, Wis.; Thirty-seventh ward school, Pittsburg, Pa.; State Normal school, West Superior, Wis.

West Springfield, Mass. The Fuller & Warren Warming and Ventilating Co. were given the contract for repairs on the Meadow Street School.

Salem, O. The heating and ventilating contract went to Isaac D. Smead, of Toledo.

Toledo. The contract for heating the new Auburndale School was awarded to Isaac D. Smead.

Kinton, O. The Peck-Williamson Co. of Cincinnati, placed a new engine in one of the schools.

Flint, Mich. Isaac D. Smead, of Toledo, O., through his representative, W. A. Clark, made arrangements to furnish the board of education with heating apparatus for the new additions to the Stevenson and Harrison school buildings.

The Fuller & Warren Warming and Ventilating Co., of Chicago, has doubled its business over last year. The increased demand for their system is only natural when its merits are understood.

The Heating firm of Huyett & Smith, of Detroit, has been changed to the American Blower Co. This company is making a specialty of school house heating and ventilation.

The Peck Williamson Heating and Ventilating Co., of Cincinnati, O., is busy both in the East and in the West equipping new school houses with their system. The company has a large number of contracts on band.

Green Bay, Wis. The board of education have just closed another contract with the Fuller & Warren Warming and Ventilating Co. for heating, ventilation, and cremating closets in their new eight-room school building. Grand Rapids, Wis. The board of education have also

contracted for the Fuller & Warren warming, ventilation,

and sanitary closet system.

The Fuller & Warren system of warming, ventilation, etc.,

goes into the Thirty-seventh ward school building at Pitts-burg, Pa., and has also been adopted for a school at Erie, Pa.. McKees Rock, Pa., and Moundsville, W. V. Boston, Mass. The Fuller & Warren system has been adopted for the Thetford avenue school, and also the Beech street school. In addition the Fuller & Warren Warming & Ventilating Co. have entered into contracts to install their system in schools in the following cities in Massachusetts: two at Everett, two at Quincy, three at Worcester, one at Brocton, one at Stoughton, one at Northbridge, one at North Adams, one at Hyannis, and one at Wayland.

Over 150 cities in Massachusetts are now using the Fuller & Warren system. This is largely due to the high standard sanitation this system embraces, fully complying as it es, with the stringent requirements of the Massachusetts

statistics for enforcing proper ventilation and sanitation.

Torrington and Southington, Conn., Bellows Falls, Vt.,
Woodhaven, N. Y., and East Orange, N. J. have recently contracted with the Fuller & Warren Warming and Ven-tilating Co. for their system of heating, ventilation, etc. Baltimore, Md. School No. 4 will have the sanitary advan-

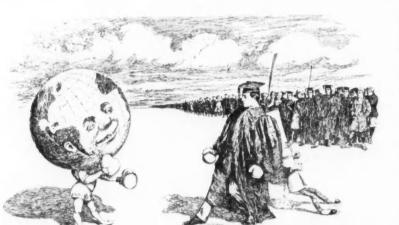
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A NEW ENTERPRISE.

The Fuller Anatomical Co. has been organized at Grand Rapids, Mich, with a capital stock of \$50,000. The company will manufacture all kinds of apparatus for object teaching in the study of physiology, anatomy, and natural history.

The stockholders elected the following directors: Dr. William Fuller, Prof. W. W. Chalmers, William Dunham, Allan Durfee, W. R Jewett, Dr. Louis Barth, and Reuben Hatch. The officers chosen were: President, Prof. W. W. Chalmers; vice president, William Dunham; secretary, Dr. Louis Barth: treasurer, Allan Durfee. The number of shares was placed at 5,000, valued at \$10 each.

The idea of the organization of the company originated with Dr. William Fuller, who is an authority on the subject. A short time ago he got up a model of the human brain, which could be used in studying the interior of that organ by removing sections of the model, piece by piece. This is the first company organized in the United States for the manufacture of apparatus of this character. There is but one other company in the world, and that is in Germany. The use of apparatus of this character is universal, and the demand for the goods is great. The German firm at present has the field all to itself and the prices charged for the apparatus are very high, small pieces representing portions of the human body selling for \$50. It is the intention of the company to manufacture the goods at a reduced price.



"Now, Young Man, I may Look Small to You, but Remember, I Have Knocked Out BIGGER MEN, AND WITHOUT MUCH TROUBLE."

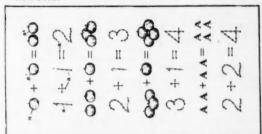
"Cactus" is a queer name to give to a pneumatic tire, and the thought of cactus punctures sends a chill over the wheel-man, for the reason that among the cacti, punctures are very common.

Morgan & Wright, Chicago, the makers of "good tires" have gotten out what they term a "cactus" tire, which has been designed with a view of withstanding the attacks of the cactus and mesquite thorns which give so much trouble to the wheelmen of Texas and other thorny sections.

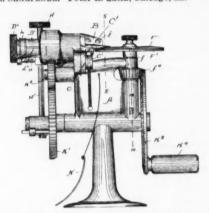
Milford, Mass. After trying the Chandler furniture for the past year thoroughly in its new four room building sends them a duplicate order for 200 seats, and throws away the old style stationary furniture.

NEW INVENTIONS.

EDUCATIONAL APPLIANCE. Sadie P. Barnard, Rochester, New York

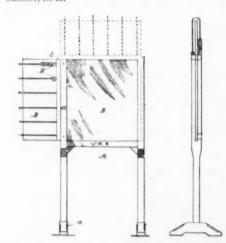


As an educational appliance for teaching numbers, a card or similar surface capable of being punctured, and having pictorial representations of objects and groups of objects thereon with algebraic signs between them, and a series of numerals stamped or printed thereon indicating the number of the objects pictorially represented corresponding in position and having corresponding algebraic signs between them, said numerals being provided with perforating indications marked thereon, so that threads drawn through them will follow the lines of the numerals. PENCIL SHARPENER. Peter E. Salin, Chicago, Ill.



In a pencil-sharpener, the combination with knife B, of rotating pencil-holder or chuck D, reciprocating and rotating chuck-sleeve D', feed-rack H, arm h connecting said feedrack and chuck-sleeve D', feed-shaft H' furnished with a gear meshing with said feed-rack H, the driving-shaft, a worm-gear connecting the feed-shaft and driving-shaft, the lower end of the feed-shaft being mounted movably, and a lever or device for throwing the worm-gear in and out of ngagement.

ARITHMETICAL APPARATUS. Herman Rödelsperger, Man-chester, N. H.



An apparatus for the purpose described, consisting of slotted uprights, an oblong blackboard adapted to rest in said slots in the uprights with its length either horizontal or vertical, the projecting end of said board being provided with cleats extending across its opposite sides, a series of wires secured to said cleats and running from one to the other around the projecting end of the board, beads or buttons loosely mounted upon the wires, and means for fastening the reversible board in the slotted upright.

The Holden Patent Book Cover Co., of Springfield, Mass., are running their factory over time, filling advance orders for their adjustable book covers, etc. Nearly all school boards furnishing free text-books now place their book cover order in June and July, so that there will be no delay, and books will all be ready for redistribution among pupils Sept. 1st, fresh and clean, and thoroughly protected from wear and tear for another school year. Samples and information sent free. Holden Patent Book Cover Co., Springfield, Mass.

BOOK REVIEWS.

HORACE MANN, THE EDUCATOR. By Albert E. Winship. Cloth; 101 pp. New England Publishing Co., Boston.

"The Life and Works of Horace Mann," in five volumes, is beyond the reach of the great mass of common school teachers. This book is a condensed statement of the life and services of this pioneer and reformer in the work and methods of the public schools. He did not find an easy path before him. Severe attacks were made upon him. The substance of these controv rsies is given here, with Mr. Mann's rejoinders. His wonderful courage in facing prejudices when he felt sure that he was right ought to be an inspiration to all who are in places of public responsibility He made mistakes and suffered for them. A knowledge these also will be beneficial to men in public positions. evolution of the schools has been a process that all teachers need to understand, and the appearance of this little book will be welcomed by them. W. H. B.

THE STORY OF OUR COUNTRY. By Alma Holman Burton. Cloth; 240 pp. Werner School Book Co. A primary history of the United States, interestingly

written and well illustrated. A few errors occur. The story of Jefferson's simplicity in riding on horseback to his inaug uration and hitching his horse to a picket fence is not true Garfield did not serve in the Mexican war, nor did he take his seat in the United States senate. After the civil war the southern states did not come back into the union. It was not admitted that they had ever been out of the union

THE VICAR OF WAKEFIELD. By Oliver Goldsmith. Boards; 207 pp., 35c. American Book Co., Cincinnati, New York, Chicago.

A new number of the eclectic English classic series. An introduction contains a sketch of the author's life, and opinions of eminent authorities on this favorite among stories of English life. Thackeray, Scott, and Goethe, have voiced the universal opinion as to its charming style and the beautiful influence on all who have read it.

TRAUMEREIEN AN FRANZÖSISHEN KAMINEN. Admersion An Franzosishen Kaminen. By Richard Von Volkmann Leander. Edited for School Use By Amalie Hanstein. Price 35c. Published by American Book Co., New York, Cincinnati, Chicago.

These tales were originally written for the author's own

children, hence they are well adapted as reading matter for young pupils. They give us a clear insight into the atmosphere of German lore,—so rich in tradition, superstition, and naif beliefs.

HERR OMNIA. By Henry Seidel. Edited for School Use by J. Matthewman. Published by American Book Co., N York, Cincinnati, Chicago.

The publishers have added another volume to their series of choice and easy readings in the German language. "Herr Omnia" mirrors forth its autnor's style, which is pure and simple. A vein of gentle humor that pervades it. renders it peculiarly adapted for school use. Assistance is given the student by way of a partial vocabulary and foot-notes, with out, however, affording unnecessary aid. Teachers and stu-dents of the German language should examine this book.

Paradise Lost (Books I and II). By John Milton. Published by American Book Co., New York, Cincinnati, and Chicago, Price 20c.

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Among the English classics that the publishers have given to students of literature, none, perhaps, will be so welcomed as that grand epic—"Paradise Lost." This work has immortalized Milton. In it, he shows himself a more perfect master in style than our divine poet—Shakespeare. The "idea" of this poem springs from the pure fountains of Homeric songs, thence its stream can be traced to Virgil and Dante, and finally a hardy Saxon gives it renewed vigor by a happy union of the grand epic of the bard of balmy Greece with that of the bard of sunny Italy. The result of this combination is a loftiness and majesty of expression. The two pervade its every page and go to make his writings what they are-standards of good English.

STORIES FROM AULUS GELLIUS. Edited for Sight-Reading. By Charles Knapp, Ph.D. Published by the American Book Co., New York, Cincinnati, and Chicago. Price 30c.

This book is intended for students who have already mastered the fundamental principals of Latin syntax to a fair degree. It has been the aim of the author to afford sufficient assistance, by means of notes, to enable students to read the selections as rapidly and intelligently as possible. It is well adapted as a supplementary reader in the Latin language. Besides affording discipline, it will be a veritable 'encyclopedia," containing subjects in grammar, literature, rhetoric, history, and philosophy.

THE HOUSE OF THE SEVEN GABLES. By Nathaniel Hawthorne, with an introductory sketch. The Riverside Series (quadruple number). Published by Houghton Mifflin & Co., Boston, New York, Chicago. Price 60c.

The volume forms a valuable addition to the Riverside Literature Series, which must be considered one of the most substantial, supplementary reading collections now extant. The merit of Hawthorne's work needs no mention here. It has been treated by abler pens than our own, and the result always has been a tribute to the author's mastery of the English language, his fine touch of romancery, and powers of description.

FIRST GERMAN BOOK (Illustrated). The Werner Modern Language Series. By M. J. Martin, A.M. Published by Werner Co., Chicago and New York. Cloth; Price 30c. This is the first of a series of four German books. The

plan therein followed is both natural and progressive. The subject-matter is developed inductively. There are many features in this book which are novel and unique, and which mark it as a book of superior merit. The book is sufficiently exhaustive to serve all the wants of those learning the German language. It is to be hoped that teachers of German man language. It is to be hoped that teac will give this book a careful consideration.

STUDIES IN EDUCATION. By B. A. Hinsdale, Ph.D., LL.D. Published by the Werner School Book Co., Chicago and

new and tasty publication, bearing the above named title, has reached us. It is from the able pen of Prof. B. A. Hinsdale, one of the most prominent educators of to-day. The book may be classified under three main headings, viz., Science, Art, and History. The book is quite exhaustive, and no educational topic of any moment, has escaped the author's notice. The Dogma of Formal Discipline, The Laws of Mental Congruence, together with discussions on History Teaching in the Public Schools, The Science and Art of Teaching, and sundry other chapters to interest and instruct the reader. The author has generously dedicated this volume to the N. E. A., and it ought to receive a hearty welcome on the part of every progressive teacher. It should be a "vade mecum" to all who have the welfare of education at heart. Readers of the Journal, will act wis a copy of this excellent book at an early date. Readers of the JOURNAL will act wisely by getting

OLD TIME STORIES. Fairy Tales and Myths Retold by Children. A Primary Reader by E. Louisa Smythe. Published by the Werner School Book Co., Chicago and New

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The author tells in simple words, and with the aid of colored and white and black illustrations, about the early heroes handed down to us in song and story, thus creating a love for literature at an early age in life. Her aim to fit the minds and hearts of small pupils has been successfully carried out and the little volume will assume a fixed place among school supplementaries and in juvenile literature. The work is well worthy the attention of all those interested

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The author of Robinson Crusoe fame needs no introduc tion to the English speaking people. Daniel Defoe's writtings are the best samples of the Seventeenth century litera-ture and is read by the student of literature, not so much for embellishment in her Majesty's language, as to find the status of our language two centuries ago. This volume gives the history of the Great Plague of London, which occurred in 1665. It must be admitted, however, that this work deserves to be classed among the works of fiction rather than history pure and simple. Every student of literature should read this work, if not for the matter, at least for the style which is representative of our language of two hundred

THE PLUTUS OF ARISTOPHANES, With Notes in Greek, Based on the Scholia. Edited by Frank W. Nicolson, A.M. Published by Ginn & Co., Boston. Price 90c.
This edition of the Plutus is designed to afford practice

in sight-reading to students who have already mastered the elements of Greek syntax. Notes are to be found at the foot of each page, thus giving the reader all necessary assistance. This play is divided into five acts. The illustrations, though having no direct connection with the Plutus, serve to illustrate the costumes and some of the situations of the play—a fact by no means to be overlooked. Students of Greek ought d this book, for it is evident that dramatic is the form best suited for the expression of one's ideas, and the colloquial knowledge of a language can more easily be attained by the reading of plays than through any other form of literature.

IMMENSEE. By Theo. Sturm. Edited With Notes and a Vocabulary by H. S. Beresford-Webb. Published by Maynard, Merrill & Co., New York. This is a popular idyll of Theo. Sturm, a German writer

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Bow-Wow and Mew-Mew. By Georgiana M. Craik THE NURNBERG STOVE. By Ouida.

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A Wonder Book. By Nathaniel Hawthorne. Paper; 72 to
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LEGENDS OF GERMAN HEROES OF THE MID-DLE AGES. By Prof. Johannes Schrammen. Published by May-nard, Merrill & Co., New York. Cloth; price 40c. These tales are admir-

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METHODS IN PRIMARY READING. By Sara A. Saunders Flexible cloth; 39 pp. Educational Gazette Co., Roch ester. Price 25c.

An experienced primary teacher explains the "combination method" of teaching reading, with many helpful suggestions. A sound chart is added.

EVOLUTION IN ART. By Alfred C. Haddon. Published by Walter Scott, London. Imported by Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. Price \$1.25. In a brief introduction on evolution in art, the author

gives his reasons for confining himself largely to the art of savage peoples. He chooses those of the islands of Torres Straits and Dandai, the Fly river, the Papuan gulf, the Central and Massim districts,—all parts of British New Guinea. Some notes follow on the relation of decorative art to the ethnology of British New Guinea, and on the scroll design of the country. The material of which patterns are made is then discussed somewhat at length, under two chief divisions. 1. Decorative transformation and transference of artificial objects. 2. Decorative transformation of natural objects. Chapters on the reasons for which objects are decorated, and on the scientific way of studying decorative art, with several well printed plates, and a full index, complete this work, which is a mint of out of the way research. Many authorities are given, both in text and foot-hotes. Numerous prints of patterns, many from "rubbings" of the article decorated, add to the interest and value of this book to the scudent of the beginnings of design. While this volume is not a text-book for primary and secondary schools, teachers in these schools will find many a hint and suggestion in this account of the varied applications and gradual development of rudimentary ideas in art.

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The Story of Our Country. A primary history of the United States. By Alma Holman Burton. Published by the Werner Co., Chicago.
Spanish Rule in Cuba, Laws Governing the Island, Span-

ish Legislation at Washington.
Lincoln's Campaign, or the Political Revolution of 1860.
By Osbirn H. Oldroyd. Published by Laird & Lee, Chicago.

Conciliation With the American Colonies. By Edmund Published by the American Book Co., New York.

The Life of Nelson. By Robert Southey. Published by the American Book Co., New York.

The last of the Mobicans, or A Narrative of 1757. By Jas. nnimore Cooper. Published by Houghton, Mifflin & Co.

Ideal Music Course, Primary Book. By J. A. Sprenkel. Published by R. L. Myers & Co., Harrisburg, Pa. Price 35c. Ideal Music Course, Advanced Book. By J. A. Sprenkel. Published by R. L. Myers & Co., Harrisburg, Pa.

MAGAZINES RECEIVED

The Arena for June. Published by the Arena Publishing Boston, Price 25c.

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Lippincott's Magazine for June. Published by J. B.

Lippincott & Co., Philadelphia. Price 25c.

McClure's Magazine for June. Published by the S. S. McClure Co., New York. Price 10c.

The Monthly Illustrator and Home and Country for Published by the Monthly Illustrator Publishing Co.,

New York. Price 20c.
Educational Review for June. Published by Henry Holt & Co., New York. Price 35c.

(Continued on Subsequent pages.)



Absent-Minded Again.

What the professor's wife, who during a brief absense entrusted the baby to her husband's care, found.

A Little Lad's Query.

A South Chester, Pa., school teacher was explaining the earth's surface to a class, using a globe in the demonstration. She called the pupils' attention to the fact that the people lived on the crust. One little lad in the class wanted to know if God and the angels were on the inside.

"Got a highly laudatory letter from Statesman Barks in response to our present of a copy of a dictionary," said the secretary.

dictionary," said the secretary.

"Good," said the publisher. "Have a lithograph copy of it made and print it in every paper in his district."

"Can't do it. He has misspelled four words."

Among the answers given by certain Chicago school pupils recently in an examination, were the following: "New York was settled by the duck of York, and Pennsylvania by the English Quackers;" "The earth is a sphere, because, if it were flat we would fall off the end of it if we walked that way;" "The Declaration of Independence was a document drawn up by Abraham Lincoln at the close of the Revolutionary War, giving freedom to the negroes."

One of the primary teachers at Helena, Mont., was recently teaching a lesson in spelling. On the board she had the word "syrup." "Now, Billie," said she, "name the letters as I point to them—s-y-r u-p. Now, my little man, what does that spell?" "Molasses," came the prompt reply.



Schoolmistress:—"Now, Ellen, tell us something about the North Pole."

Student:--"The Arctic regions are used exclusively for exploring purposes."

FOREIGN HUMOR.

Bater: Co fpat am Tag finbe ich Dich noch im Bette? Und Du fchriebft mir, Du besuchteft fleißig bas Colleg?

Cohn: Das habe ich geftern leiber zuviel gethan.

Bater: Bie fo?

Sohn: 3ch war nicht nur in einem Colleg, fonbern fogar in einem Kreise von Collegen!

In Campagna. La signora, mentre fa colazione, si commuove ascoltando il canto di un usignolo.

"Oh! come vorrei avere quel uccellino delizioso!"
Il barone di Guascogna impugna il fucile ed
esclama: "Non dubitate, signora, fra due minuti
l'avrete ai vostri piedi."

Der Lehrer eines Dorfes hat, von einer besorgten Mutter folgendes Schreiben erhalten: "Geerhter Herr, Bitte Meta mit die Lehre Strenger zu nehmen In Hause Letnen ist Sie nicht bei zu Krichen den Heult und Brild sie fir Gewald, die Bücher verstedt sie, das man sie nicht sinden Tuht. Und Lügen, Erste Klasse, So Tütesch und Sigensinnig wie sie ist Ich kann mit Gutem und mit Bosen sommen. Bitte Tuhen Sie Seute Ihr nicht zu wisen den ich habe ihr gesagt der Zetel Solte nicht Ihr Gelten, Sondern Georg Sonht Nahm sie den Zetel nicht mit "

IL MENDICO NOTTURNO. Bellorini abita in vicinanza della stazione ferroviaria. Una notte viene destato da ripetuti colpi che si battono alla sua porta. Egli si fa alla finestra e domanda chiè.

"Fate un po' di carità," gli si risponde con una voce melliflua.

"Come!" esclama inviperito Bellorini, "venite a chiedere l'elemosina a quest ora?

"Eh! mi perdoni: sono giunto col diretto in questo momento."—Motto per Ridere.

Lehrer: Ja, Franzl ift sonstein recht braver Junge, nur die Rechtschreibung will er noch immer nicht begreifen! Bater: Ach was—unser herrgott sieht auf's herz und nicht auf die Ortographie!

PAGARE SUBITO 0—.—A Barr, in Alsazia, abita in fotografo col quale non si scherza. Egli espone nella mostra i ritratti dei debitori più induriti colla testa in giù, con attaccato un biglietto, su cui sta scritto: "Non pagato." Soltanto dopo pagato l'ultimo centesimo, i poveri debitori vengono liberati da quella penosa posizione in effigie.

Teacher: "Willie what is dust?"
Willie: "Mud with the wet squeezed out."

SCHOOL

BY THE THE BOY.

For my part, 1 am unable to understand why I am obliged to go to school. Seems to me, if I was let alone, I could pick up a living somehow, and have a good time while I am young. I am not especially interested in mathematics, geography, geology, zoology, or physchology. Writing hump-backed or perpendicular has no charms for me. I can pick up writing any time. Other men pick up things as they go along life's rough and rugged road. I know a blind man who can write with his toes. He looks funny when he writes his order for his dinner from the "cart doo joor." This is not French. I have not studied French. I hate Latin. Its all Greek to me.

We have co-education in our town, and the girls learn the most. It goes without saying that the boys have the most fun, except when the teacher is having fun with the boys. In our school we don't knock out the panes of glass with small round stones, or pieces of brick. We only write our names on them with our diamond rings, so that when we become senators or presidents, or millionaires, visitors may know of our humble origin and early worthlessness. Diamond is the hardest substance. This I learned from my copy book. But I know some boys not a thousand miles from here harder than that. They are tough nuts.—C. W. JOHNSON.



Empty.

Professor Ray (after a vain search, musingly): "How shall I break it to him?" Judge.

A lady teacher recently told the School Board Journal man the following incident that occurred in her department: The young lady, in speaking of royalty, asked a class of little tots what the wife of a king was called? They decided upon queen. She then asked what the son of a king and queen was called, and a bright little codger, who was up to snuff, replied Jack. Wonder who told him.

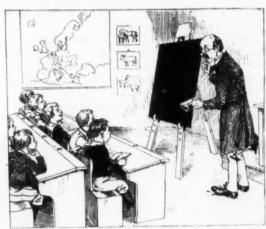
A small boy in the primary department of the Tekonsha, Mich., school caused no little excitement among his playmates by distributing \$5 bills among them. The youngster had discovered the place where his father kept his hoarded wealth, and was distributing it like a prince until stopped by his teacher.

It Looked Saspicious,

Bobbs (of the firm of Bobbs and Nobbs): Why did you countermand your order for those fountain pens?

Nobbs: The agent took down my order with a lead pencil.

"Have you written your graduation essay?" asked Maud. "Yes," replied Mamie. "Wasn't it a lot of work?" "Just dreadful. First I had to hunt up words that were big enough and then I had to keep looking in the dictionary to see what they meant; and, honestly, I began to think I never would get it finished."



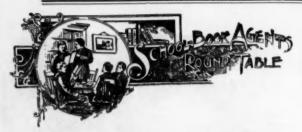
Mental Arithmetic.

"If beer were fourpence a quart, and your father sent you to a public-house to buy a shilling'sworth, how many quarts would you get?"

"Two, sir."

"Only two? How do you make that out?"

"'Cos there's a quart over from last night wot we ain't paid for!"



AMONG PUBLISHERS AND AGENTS.

William Ivison, brother of Henry Ivison, one of the last of the old time publishers, and a member of the school-book house of Ivison, Blakeman, Tayfor & Co., died May 30th in his room at the Hoffman House. He was eighty four years old. Since the death of his wife a year ago Mr. Ivison had been in feeble health, but not until recently was he seized with his final illness. For many years Wm. Ivison took an active part in the printing for the great educational publishing house founded by Henry Ivison, but on the death of the latter ten years ago he gave up work. Since then he had lived in close retirement.

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L. J. Lively, now with the Werner School Book Co., was at one time with the Standard School Book Co. of St. Louis, representing them in southern Illinois - afterwards Illinois representative of D. Appleton & Co., and manager of Chicago office for that firm.

J. N. Patrick, the late superintendent of Streator, Ill., is an old-time book man. He was connected with the old firm of A. S. Barnes & Co., and represented them in Missouri, with headquarters at St. Louis. While there he founded the Standard School Book Co., who purchased a duplicate set of plates of the Bancroft readers, which had been made for use in California. A young man named Thompson who held the financial destinies of the concern in his hands absconded. Mr. Patrick, who was then the manager and secretary of the company, resigned. A man named A. B. Chapman succeeded him.

E. G. Putnam, the recently elected principal of the schools of Port Richmond, N. J., is not a dealer in school books nor does he reside in Port Richmond, as reported. Mr. E. G. Putnam is a brother of W. H. Putnam, of the firm of Potter & Putnam, educational publishers, of 63 Fifth avenue, New York City.

W. F. Murray, who was formerly with W. B. Harison, is now with D. C. Heath & Co.

B. D. Berry, northwestern agent for Silver, Burdett & Co., has prepared and published a chart outlining a complete course in reading, based on the Normal readers and certain supplementary books. The chart is ingenious, and the author deserves considerable credit.

At the Randolph, N. C., book contest the American Book Co. was represented by Wm. C. Hamner, the University Publishing Co. by Wiley Rush, Ginn & Co., by G. S. Bradshaw, and B. F. Johnson & Co, by O. L. Sapp.

C. H. Ames, of Boston, recently spoke on ver-

tical writing at Glastonbury, Conn. Miss Annie M. Holbrook, the former Moline Ill., high school teacher, now with the Prang Educational Co., Chicago, sailed on the Werra, of the North-German Lloyd line, for Genoa, Italy, in May.

W. S. White, the handsomest book man in Michigan became suddenly ill at Grand Rapids. He was nursed by J. M. Eppstein.

Jonathan Piper, the pioneer book man of the Northwest is sojourning in Iowa.

B. D. Berry, of Silver, Burdett & Co., is spending his vacation in Duluth.

A. H. McGUFFEY DEAD.

Alexander H. McGuffey, author and attorney, died at his home, Mt. Auburn, Cincinnati, June 3d, after an illness of a month or more, during which time his condition had been precarious. He

ALEXANDER H. MCGUFFEY.

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this State. W. H. McGuffey, brother of the deceased, and fifteen years his senior, undertook his education, and while W. H. McGuffey was president of Miami University, Alexander graduated there. deceased was appointed professor of Belles Lettres in Woodward College, Cincinnati, at the early age of eighteen, and during his engagement at Woodward prepared his celebrated set of readers. Though published under the name of his brother, W. H. McGuffey did no more than supervise the work. His speller, however, he published under his own name. He was admitted to the bar on attaining his majority, having found time to complete his studies while teaching. Though practicing very little in court, he did an enormous office business, and having splendid legal talents, kept most of his clients from long and unprofitable legal entanglements. He appeared very little in public, but was one of the first trustees of the Cincinnati University. At the time of his death he was a trustee of the Cincinnati college.

His first wife was Elizabeth, daughter of Dr. Daniel Drake, who founded Cincinnati College, of which Mr. McGuffey was trustee and financial agent for thirty years. The children of this marriage now living are: Anna M., wife of Attorney Henry A. Morril, Cincinnati; Dr. Fred B. McGuffey, Chattanooga; Rev. E. M. McGuffey, an Episcopal rector, established at Newton, L. I.; Helen B., wife of Robert H. Parkinson, a Chicago attorney, and William H. McGuffey, in the railroad business at Washington, D. C. Alice M., wife of Prof. Laughlin, of the Chicago University, is dead.

In 1863 Mrs. McGuffey died, and Alexander Mc-Guffey married Mrs. Caroline B. Rich, of Boston, in 1865. The surviving children of this marriage are: Margaret D. McGuffey, of Boston; Agnes and Kingsley, who are living at home.

Dawson, the University Publishing Co's New York man, will be at the Buffalo N. E. A. by a large majority.

Mrs. J. M. Eppstein, wife of the American Book Co's music man, has accompanied her husband recently on some of his wistern trips, and thus secures her vacation.

C. C. Birchard is now located at Boston and enjoying good health.

Col. Robeson, who represents Ginn & Co. in the South, is expected at Buffalo.

Alexander Forbes, the western manager of Sheldon & Co., accompanied the daughters of Mr. Eldridge, the Philadelphia publisher, on a short trip over Lake Michigan.

F. H. Blondell, of Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, Chicago, who has been seriously ill at Minneapolis, is improving. He has submitted to a system of dieting, taken up the wheel, and good health will be his again.

W. T. Wilcoxson, agent for Ginn & Co. in Michigan, is building a handsome home at Lansing. He was married several months ago.

Hugh Foresman, of Scott, Foresman & Co., of Chicago, will be married in the fall to a Pennsylvania ladv.

The wife of F. W. Arbury, who represents Silver, Burdett & Co. in Michigan, has been stricken with paralysis and is dangerously ill.

H. M. Tallman, the bookman who died at Minneapolis, left his family in destitute circumstances. The bookmen in the Northwest, regardless of companies, made up a handsome purse for the widow. The assistance has been gratefully acknowledged to the agents.



COL. CHAS. W. JOHNSON,

The Bookman who Served as the Temporary and Permanent Secretary of the National Republican Convention

Col. Chas. W. Johnson, of Silver, Burdett & Co., acted as the temporary secretary of the National Republican Convention at St. Louis. He has been a well known citizen of Minneapolis for a number of years. Though he now lives in Boston, he has property interests in Minneapolis, and considers that city his home. He is 59 years old, and for a number of years was an active newspaper man, once being editor of the Minneapolis Tribune. In 1876 he was elected reading clerk of the senate and later became chief clerk, holding this position until four years ago. He was, when Senator Hill succeeded in dislodging him, secretary of the Minneapolis convention in 1892. Colonel Johnson

has never held any office, but has been active in politics for many years, and is on good terms with prominent statesmen.

Maj. A. J. Cheney, the veteran book man, who represents the G. & C. Merriam Co. in the West, was one of the invited guests at the National Republican Convention who occupied seats upon the platform.

Maj. A. W. Clancy, was a vigorous McKinleyite at the St. Louis convention. He was one of the first men in Illinois to boom McKinley for president,



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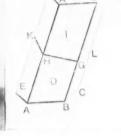
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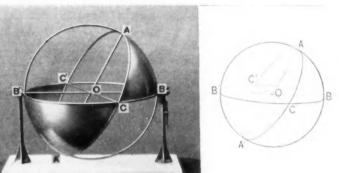
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South Orange, N. J. The board is moving in the direction of making fire drills compulsory.

Omaha, Neb. A panic was avoided during a school house fire, by a little boy who beat the drum vigorously for a tire drill.

Lansingburgh, N. Y. In the Powers school a false fire alarm was given and led by their teachers. The 450 pupils who were well drilled made their way rapidly and orderly down the tire escapes and emerged from the building without the slightest casualty in less than a minute.

Grand Rapids, Mich. Fire drill has been enforced.

Utica, N. Y. Practice fire drills have been conducted for some time



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at the advanced school. The alarm was given without previous warning when some of the pupils were in recitation rooms and others were at their desks. The 600 pupils left the building in perfect order and without confusion in less than tive minutes. The practice is agood one in more respects than one, as it teaches presence of mind and in case of fire in the school building might be the means of preventing it.

Wichita, Kans. The scholars of the city schools

are to be organized and drilled into fire brigades; each building is to have its own company thoroughly drilled and equipped for a fire emergency. Each building will have its "fire chief" and his corps of assistants, drilled to use the new fire extinguishers, and keep the rest of the students from stampeding in case of a conflagration.

New York. The board will discontinue athletic contests between scholars.

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Richmond, Mo. Board hired a school enumerator and pays 2 cents per name for his salary.

The following cities have fixed the salaries of superintendents as follows: Princeton, Mo., \$95 a month. Altoona, Pa., \$1,800; Abington and Bridgewater, Mass., \$2,000; Franklin county, Pa., \$1,500; Lancaster, Pa., \$2,000; Tiogo County, Pa., \$2,000; Pottstown, Pa., \$1,500; Montgomery, Pa, \$2,500; Central county, Pa., \$1,800; Lancaster county, Pa., \$2,500; Allegheny, Pa., \$3,000; Braddock, Pa., \$1,800; Homestead, Pa., \$1,600; Fortville, Ind., \$75.00 a month; New Haven, Conn., \$3,800.

Newport, Ky. The school board is three months in arrears with the salaries of teachers.

Eaton Rapids, Mich. Superintendent \$1,200. Detroit, Mich. The board of estimates is making a sweeping cut in the schools. It is proposed to drop eighty teachers, thus effecting a saving of over \$30,000. Then all teachers receiving \$40 a month and under are to be cut 10 per cent., and all receiving \$40 and over are to be cut 25 per cent.

Kansas City, Mo. Board fixed the secretary's salary at \$2,700 and the treasurer's salary at \$1,200 a year.

Centerville, Ia. Board cut down the salary of the superintendent from \$1,200 a year to \$1,000.

Fremont, Neb. The superintendent of schools salary was fixed at \$900.

Mt. Pleasent, Ia. Supt., \$1,250. Lawrence, Mass. Supt., \$3,000.

Cincinnati, O. Two teachers' salaries have been docked for time lost in attending funerals.

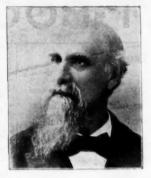
Kankakee, Ill. Supt., \$1,650.

Mahanoy, Pa. City school board is agitating a reduction of the salary of the superintendent. The present salary is \$1,650.

Shenandoah, Pa., pays its superintendent \$1,800; Pottsville, Pa., \$2,000; Tamaqua, Pa., \$1,500.

New Britain, Conn. Superintendent's salary was fixed at \$2,500.

For a kindergarten principal Hartford. Conn., pays an average salary of \$1,000; Providence, R. I., \$750; New York and Ro-



Providence, R. I., \$750; Boston, Mass., \$650; New York and Ro. Borough of Caldwell, N. J.

chester, \$650; Des Moines, Ia., 600; Buffalo, N. Y., \$600; Cambridge, Mass., \$520; Albany, N. Y., \$500; Philadelphia, Pa., \$475.

Salaries of superintendents of schools in Minnesota are as follows: Alexandria, \$1,400; Anoka, \$1,500; Austin, \$1,500; Crookston, \$1,575; Duluth, \$3,600; Fairbault, \$1,600; Fergus Falls, \$1,200; Hastings, \$1,400; Henderson, \$1,200; Hutchinson, \$1,100; Minneapolis, \$4,000; Northfield, \$1,500; Owatonna, \$1,500; Red Wing, \$1,500; Rochester, \$1,500; St. Cloud, \$2,100; St. Paul, \$4,000; St. Peter, \$1,500; Sauk Center, \$1,500; Spring Valley, \$1,200; Stillwater, \$2,100; Worthington, \$1,350; Chatfield, \$1,100; Fairmont, \$1,100; Le Sueur, \$1,200; Montevideo, \$1,200; Rushford, \$1,200; Waseca, \$1,300; Willmar, \$1,000; Zumbrota, \$1,000; Dodge Center, \$1,200; Janesville, \$1,000; Pine Island, \$1,206; Waterville, \$765.

Lima, O. Board increased the superintendent's salary from \$1,800 to \$2,400 per annum.

Covington, O. The salary of the music teacher was fixed permanently at \$1,200 per annum.

Centralia, Ill. Board fixed superintendent's salary at \$150 per month.

Chariton, Ia. Board adopted a resolution to the effect that hereafter all teachers who have taught in the public schools of Chariton for five consecutive years receive an increase in their salaries of five dollars per month.

Cincinnati, O. Teacher of German in the Columbian schools \$450 per annum.

Wausau, Wis. Special music teacher \$500 per

Superintendents' salaries have been fixed by the following cities as follows: New Brighton, \$1,500; Carlisle, Pa., \$1,200; Hamilton, O., \$2,300; Beaver Falls, Pa., \$1,600; Jamestown, K. Y., \$2,000; Niles, O., \$1,800; Austin, Tex., \$2,000; Mexia, Tex., \$1,650; Du Bois, Pa., \$1,000; Everett, Mass., \$2,000; Springfield, O., \$2,000.

Middletown, O. Board decided that all grade teachers having three years experience be salaried at \$50 per month; two years experience \$45; one year experience \$40; no experience \$35.

Augusta, Ga. The colored teachers have petitioned the board for more pay.

Fairbury, Neb. The board of education has made sweeping reductions in the salaries of teachers for the coming year. The superintendent will receive \$900 instead of \$1,300 as formerly, and all the others will take proportionately reduced pay.

Superintendents salaries have been fixed by the following cities as follows: Tecumseh, Neb., \$8,00; Freeport, Ill., \$200 per month; Mount Vernon, Ill., \$1,200; Defiance, O., \$1,500; Battle Creek, Mich., \$1,650.

Carlisle, Pa. Two sets of rival school directors attempted to organize with the result that the police had to be called in.

New Britain, Conn. Supt. Stewart stated to the board that the requisites for a good teacher were embodied in sound physical health, best of morals.

best of manner, and

Boston. The school board will hereafter have a clerk of committees.

AMONG BOARDS OF EDUCATION.

Omaha, Neb. It is reported that married women are not to be barred as teachers

Richmond, N. H. The school board consists of two women and one man.

Boston, Mass. It is proposed to locate bathing facilities in the public school houses.

Detroit, Mich. The board of education reduces expenses by dispensing with the services of twentytwo teachers, some of whom are retired on pensions, reducing the salaries of many others, and shortening the school year two weeks.

Detroit, Mich. The teachers have asked that

the school year be shortened one month.

Washington, Pa. A feature of the dedication of the new school building was to have a procession of pupils from the old building to the new, headed by the teachers. The young women, however, have revolted against the arrangement and claim that for them to march through the streets would be undignified.

Long Island City, N. Y. St. Patrick's Day and Pentecost Monday have been made holidays by the board of education. Other nationalities, principally Italians and Bohemians, declare now that they will make request to the board to close the schools on days observed by their respective coun-

St. Paul. A sensation was caused here by the springing up of a suit for \$25,000 by Charles B. Gilbert, Superintendent of the St. Paul schools, against four leading citizens. The charge against them is libel. Supt. Gilbert charges that they brought formal complaint against him before the Board of Education, charging that he employed a woman guilty of immoral conduct in the public schools of St. Paul, knowing her to be a woman of bad character, and afterward recommended her as a teacher to both Omaha and West Superior. Prof. Gilbert has the confidence of his board and has since been re-elected to his position. In the recent contest over the New York City superintendency he received six votes.

Philadelphia. The press is protesting against the secrecy of school board committee meetings.

New Haven, Conn. When the board recently appointed the teachers for the year, all reporters were excluded.

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Weatherby, Pa. The tuition for non-resident pupils was fixed. Pupils attending primary or secondary departments, \$1 per month; those attending the intermediate schools, \$1.50 per month; grammar schools, \$2 per month, and scholars in the high school \$3 per month.

Racine, Wis. Laboratory privileges in high school, chemistry 15 cents per month; physics, 10

Lichfield, Minn. The tuition fee in the higher departments has been raised from \$1.60 to \$2.50 per

Rock Island, Ill. The tuition for outside pupils was fixed at \$2 per month, and small children \$1.25

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WOMEN AND BOARDS OF EDUCATION.

Dr. N. C. Schaeffer, superintendent of public instruction of Pennsylvania, has given as his opinion regarding the eligibility of women to serve on school boards that the choice of school directors is one of fitness, and if woman is more fit for the place than man she ought to replace him. On the other side of the Atlantic, woman has shown that she is superior to man in her fitness for office. Dr. Schaeffer believes man is too prone to neglect the comforts of the school house, while on the other hand the woman is more observant of the needs of children. He claims it is better to consult women in the curriculum and grading of the schools, and if he had his own way he would put several women

on each school in the country.

Kingstown, Mass. Miss Helen Holmes was elected superintendent of schools. It is believed that she is the first woman in the state to hold such a position.

Provo, Utah. Mrs. Cornelia Clayton has been elected to the school board. She is the first woman to be given

office in the state. Peru, Ill. Many votes cast at recent school elections by

women were thrown

out on technicalities.

Woonsocket, S. D. Mrs. Alice T. Whiting has again been elected a member of the board of education. This is the third time she has been elected to that office.

The ex-mayor of Brooklyn made an interesting

statement concerning the advantages of putting women on school boards. He thinks the experimental year in that city of women's work has demonstrated their capacity and the value of their services to the public. He says the opposition of teachers, based on the belief that women would be unduly interfering and arbitrary, has proved to be without foundation,



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as the women have quietly and moderately used their authority, devoting their energies to the real needs of the schools and thes cholars. As theories can be proved by results only, this testimony is significant.

Springfield, O. Two women who were nominated for the school board have resigned.

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Albany, N. Y. The press charges the board with holding star chamber sessions.

Stockton, Pa. The members of the board of education were greeted at their last regular meeting with the following notice written on the blackboard: "No smoking allowed; please do not leave your stumps; you make the rules and you violate them." The members are all hearty smokers, and became indignant, and the janitor was instructed to ascertain who was guilty of writing the notice.

Dayton, Ky. At the last regular meeting of the board, spectators at the meeting came to blows over the discussion. A window pane was broken and the gas was turned out.

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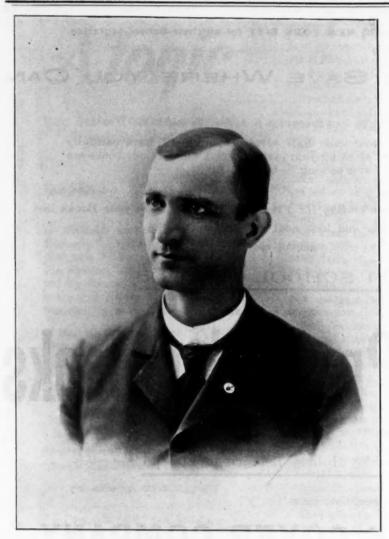
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FINANCE AND BUILDING.

Chicago. The school board's architect claims that he has saved the board \$100,000 in eighteen months.

Warrenburg, Mo. The board has employed F. S. Allen, the school house architect of Joliet, to draft plans and specifications for a new high school building.

Grundy Centre, Ill. F. S. Allen, school house architect of Joliet, Ill., has been awarded contract to design and superintend new school.

Denver. District No. 1 has again placed the superintendent's salary at \$5,000.

Fond du Lac, Wis. In a keen competition for plans and designs for a public school building here, Jennings & Ross, of Chicago, were the successful architects.

Marinette, Wis. The board of education, impelled by the necessity for economy, has shortened the school year from ten to nine months and decided to do away with instruction in Greek, music and writing. The amount saved is about

Lansing, Mich. Board cut the superintendent's salary from \$1,800 to \$1,400 and decided to dispense with the drawing teacher.

Medford, O. T. Board fixed the school tax at 9 mills.

Lansing, Mich. The apportionment of the school fund has been made at the rate of 46 cents per capita.

Detroit, Mich. Supt. Robinson, of the public schools, says that the school accommodations are such that the city should be compelled by force of law to provide better.

EXTENSION OF THE CIVIL SERVICE.

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SCHOOL SESSIONS AND BOARDS.

Galveston, Tex. Schools will close April 30, one month earlier than usual.

Norwood, O. The board will continue the one hour dinner recess.

Deering, Me. Board voted that grammar schools close at 4:15 p. m., primary, 3:45 p. m.

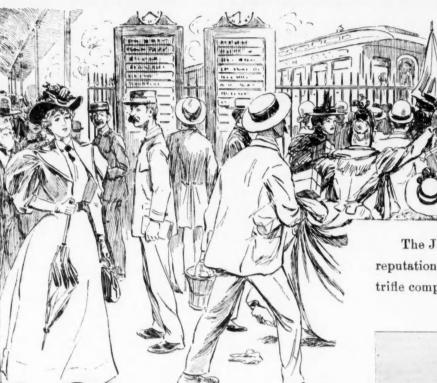
Minneapolis. The plan to abolish Easter vacation and thereby close the schools earlier in June has failed.

Providence, R. I. The controversy over high school sessions has been settled by having two sessions instead of one, the same as the other schools, from 9:00 to 11:30 a. m., and from 1:30 to 4:00 in the afternoon.



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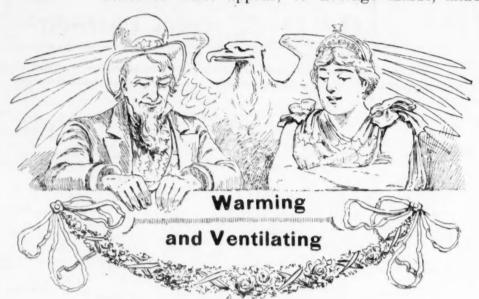
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DR. HIRAM LANDIS GETZ, President Board of Education, Marshalltown, Ia

Dr. Getz, who has contributed a large share towards the educational interests of his community, is a native of Lancaster county, Pa. He received a good education before entering upon the study of medicine, in which profession he graduated with special honors in 1874. In his chosen profession he has displayed unusual activity and performed a number of difficult operations successfully, and has been chosen a member of the various state and medical associations. He has also distinguished himself as a writer on topics pertaining to his profession. His contributions

have been in the leading medical journals of the

Besides leading an active professional life, Dr. Getz has found time to give some attention to educational interests. It may be said to his credit that his splendid executive ability and intellectual attainments have been invariably applied in the right direction, and in the interests of the educational system over which he now presides. He has always taken great pleasure in laboring for the interest and welfare of children and others younger than himself. He would rather, if he could have the good will of either children or adults, have that of the former if it must be from one, and therefore not only takes pleasure but pride in the management of school affairs.

His seven year's work as a member of the Iowa State Industrial School was nighly complimented by Ex-Governer Larrabee and Ex-Governor Horace Boies during their administrations as Chief Executives of the State.

In 1889 Dr. Getz was appointed by the board of education to fill a vacancy, and upon the following term in March was elected for the full term of three years. During this time he served upon several important committees as chairman. Believing that when duties are assumed by a member of a board of education, that the work ought to be done by such officials, he has given much of his time and attention to school work, thus enabling himself to discover deficiencies and equipping himself most thoroughly to carry out needed reforms in school management. He incurred, by his vigorous course, the displeasure of the superintendent and several members of the then board. He was strongly urged to permit his candidacy for re-election, and for reasons already stated,-exceptional pleasure and pride in the work,-consented. The opposition, however, which had been incurred, owing to his vigorous

and progressive policy, led to his defeat. Being positive that the causes he had espoused and the reforms recommended, regarding the same of vital necessity in the interests of the school, he determined to remain in the field until vindication came. He was defeated a second time in March, 1894, by a few votes.

The following year, however, he was elected by the largest vote ever given any man for any public office in the city of Marshalltown. The vindication had come and Dr. Getz worked as enthusiastically and loyally as he had before. He soon found followers, and the succeeding year was elected president of the board of education and presented with a twenty pound gavel upon assuming the chair. His abilities have now found an opportunity to exert themselves in the direction of beneficent results. He has already had the pleasure of seeing brought about some of the reforms he had so earnestly advocated during his former term, and he now hopes for a just, fair, practical and efficient school administration, and the maintenance of a meritorious and creditable standard for the Marshalltown public schools.

This biographical sketch, briefly put, illustrates to what extent a most busy professional man, of high and unselfish motives, may be helpful in advancing the educational interests of his community. It illustrates a busy life, helpful in several directions, and such as is a blessing to any community wherever it may unfold itself. We congratulate the city of Marshalltown for the splendid man at the helm of its educational

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It took close on six thousand years to prepare the world for the education of its children, yet when that preparation shall have been grasped and applied as it ought, the millen-ium, one thinks, will be close at hand. It took close on six thousand years to teach the world that reformation is better than arbitrary punishment, and when we shall thoroughly have learned that formation is better still, it will not be too much to expect the fulfillment of the prophecy "the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them!"

Fræbel called his science the science of motherhood, but no word or set of words does it the justice of the common term, kindergartening—child-gardening. In it we get the full analogy, almost; certainly the most vivid word-picture. Long ago the gardener learned that violets have a different life than marigolds; that roses grow in sunshine but fuchsias must have shade; that too much care kills as effectively as too little, and proper growth demands not only the right

quantity but the exact quality for each individual blosson Mothers and teachers were long in learning the kinship of childnature to the rest of God's creation, but the lesson has taken root, now, and put forth sufcient flower to make manifest what a harvest may be expect-ed when kindergartening is as well understood and applied as flower-gardening, or market-gardening, or fruit-produc-tion. Nor is this millenial time any longer a question of readiness, but rather of ways and means. The world has long since been completely won to Freebel's doctrines,—or, if not completely, in so large measure that the remnant scarcely counts,—and the cry now is, "how shall I learn to live with my children?" who will teach me, and where?" Not from Macedonia, but from the homes of your immediate neighbor-hood, and mine, as well as from the homes of the poor mothers of lesser opportunities than ours, who realize that there is a new something of advantage which they want to give their children, comes the clarion cry for help. As of old, "the harvest is white and the laborers are few." Nor will raw recruits do in any emergency. It must be skilled labor or none at all, in this crisis, and yet thousands of women are yearly inquiring, through the press and of their friends, "what can I

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New York. The superintendent recommended to the board that no teacher should be required to teach more than forty pupils at a time.



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The American Book Co. announces the second session of the New School of Methods in Public School Music. There will be an Eastern and a Western division of the school. The former to be held at Hingham, near Boston, July 13-25, and the latter in Chicago, August 10-22.

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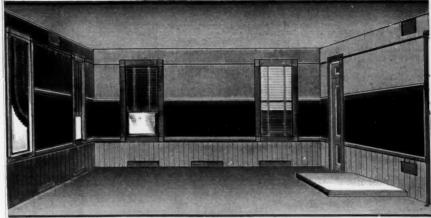
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